

# 35 Appointed By FMB

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board appointed 35 missionaries at its December meeting, bringing its active missionary staff to 1,636. The largest group appointed at one time since 1950, they give the Board a total of 129 appointments for 1962.

Among the group are one MK (missionary kid), four PK's (preachers' kids), and Billy Graham (Rev. J. Billy Graham, now a pastor in Adairsville, Ga.). The 35 appointees have 45 children.

The new missionaries, their native states, and fields of service are:

Nobel D. Brown, Kentucky, appointed for Nigeria; James E. Foster, Florida, and Sylvia Crawford Foster, Oklahoma, for Africa; Billy R. Frazier and Annita Sibley Frazier, both of Texas, for South Brazil; Vera Gardner, Kansas, for Thailand; Earl G. Goatcher, Arkansas, and Joann Horton Goatcher, Texas, for Thailand; J. Billy Graham and Anne White Graham, both of Tennessee, for the Orient; Victor A. Greene, Tennessee, and Mariella Miller Greene, South Carolina, for the Philippines.

Also, Richard R. Greenwood, Missouri, and Lahoma Mason Greenwood, Texas, for Guatemala; C. Turner Hopkins and Carlene Densford Hopkins, both of Tennessee, for Nigeria; James F. Kirkendall, Missouri, and Elizabeth Pittman Kirkendall, Oklahoma, for Lebanon; Thomas L. Law, Jr., and Betty Freeman Law, both of Texas, for Spain; Michael J. Ledbetter and Ethel Trivette Ledbetter, both of North Carolina, for Guatemala; Julian R. LeRoy, South Carolina, and Jeanelle Davis LeRoy, Georgia, for South Brazil.

Also, B. Layton Lynch, Arkansas, and Margie Lackey Lynch, Oklahoma, for Taiwan (Formosa); Hoyt M. Roberts, North Carolina, and Louise Poole Roberts, Georgia, for Honduras; Stanley D. Stamps, Mississippi, and Glenn Morgan Stamps, Texas, for Ecuador; Ann Swenson, Argentina, for the Baptist Spanish Publishing House, El Paso, Tex.; Jack E. Taylor and Mimie Anderson Taylor, both of Texas, for Mexico; and David H. Whitson, Alabama, and Betty Ann Clark Whitson, Texas, for East Africa.

Representative of those who have done mission work in the States in Mr. Stamps, superintendent of missions for Mississippi Baptist Association, with headquarters in Liberty, Miss. He and Mrs. Stamps also did summer mission work (four summers each) while students, as did five of the other appointees.

# BMC Campaign Over Half Million

At the semi-annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Blue Mountain College on December 13th, President Wilfred C. Tyler and Director W. L. Meadows reported subscriptions of record in the amount of \$532,077.41 for the college's Ninetieth Anniversary Development Program.

This total includes \$170,000 commitment from the Cooperative Program Capital Needs allocation and \$168,345.92 of earned equities administered by the Mississippi Baptist Foundation as a part of Blue Mountain's investment pool of endowment funds.

The Campaign for subscriptions in 1962 is still in progress throughout the state. Checks and pledges and other assets are being received in the college office daily.

Many workers have indicated that they expect to secure good gifts before the final report is published in the Baptist Record of its issue of January 24, 1963.

In addition definite sums are known to be forthcoming near the first of the year from at least two bequests and the 1962-63 program of the Esso Education Foundation.

Commitments Expected While the Campaign promotion will terminate as of December 31, there are friends who have assured its leaders that during the early weeks of the New Year they will make commitments to the Development Program of the College, according to Dr. Tyler.

These added contributions should increase the final result substantially. From this issue of the Baptist Record there are eleven days before the curtain rings down on the year 1962.

Dr. Tyler declared that these eleven days constitute an opportunity from God and a challenge to all friends of Blue Mountain College and Christian education who have shared in this effort to do their best to enlist the largest possible number of additional subscriptions to the Ninetieth Anniversary Development Program. They (Continued on page 2)

# Jackson Pastor Addresses Group

NASHVILLE — Dr. Allen O. Webb, pastor of Daniel Memorial Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., told Southern Baptist state church building consultants here Dec. 10 that "four walls and a roof don't make a church any more than a house makes a home."

"If a building consultant would achieve a real goal," Dr. Webb declared, "He must fully understand the objectives and characteristics that go into making a great church. He must understand the driving force of a dedicated pastor. He must know the missionary goals and must be in accord with the goals of character development."

"It takes a man's heart to do a great thing that goes beyond the four walls," he told the group.

Dr. Webb suggested four points for a unified objective for pastors and building consultants:

1. To develop Christians who have the courage to speak up and speak out.
  2. To win larger numbers for Christ and grow greater churches.
  3. To recapture the spirit of sacrifice.
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# Landes Accepts College Post

WICHITA FALLS, Tex. (BP) — James H. Landes, immediate past president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, has accepted the presidency of Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Tex.

Landes announced his resignation as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Wichita Falls, Tex., and his acceptance of the Hardin-Simmons post one week after the Baptist school's board of trustees unanimously elected him president.

He will become Hardin-Simmons' tenth president, effective March 1, 1963, and will succeed Evan Allard Reiff who died unexpectedly.

Landes has been pastor of the 6,400-member First Baptist Church here for the past 17½ years, and previously was pastor of Baptist congregations in Bryan, Tex., and Eagle Lake, Tex.

He is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist College in Arkadelphia, Ark., and Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth.

# Papers Sent To State Pastors

MIDDLETOWN, Ky. (BP) — Directors of the Western Recorder, Kentucky Baptist weekly, have voted to send the newspaper, on a complimentary basis, to the 700 Kentucky Baptist pastors not now receiving it. Directors said they felt this was a long-time need, which would be a major service to the denomination.

# NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

According to custom of many years, there will be no issue of the Baptist Record next week, which is Christmas week. The next issue will appear Jan. 3.

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# Missions Conferences Set

World Missions will be the emphasis for the series of eight Baptist World Missions Conferences planned for Mississippi during the period of Jan. 14-25.

Rev. L. Gordon Sansing, Associate Executive Secretary, declared that all local Baptist pastors and church officers and leaders as well as all associational officers and leaders are urged to attend the conference most convenient.

Visiting speakers for the first four conferences will be Rev. Joe Underwood, Associate Secretary for Promotion, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, and Dr. Loyd Corder, Secretary Department of Language Groups Ministries of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

Visiting speakers for the last four conferences will be Dr. Eugene Hill, Secretary for Missionary Education and Promotion, Foreign Mission Board, and Dr. Courts Redford, Executive Secretary, Home Mission Board.

## Quarles To Speak

Speaking at all meetings for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board will be Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Executive Secretary, and Mr. Sansing.

Each conference is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. and adjourn at 9 p.m.

Church leaders expected to attend will be pastors, deacons, finance committee chairmen, Sunday School, Training Union, Music, Brotherhood, WMU and all other officers and committeemen.

The schedule of conferences follows:

Jan. 14 — First Baptist Church, Starkville; 15—First, New Albany; 17—First, Batesville; 18—First, Greenwood; 21—First, Crystal Springs; 22—First, Newton; 24 — First, Gulfport; 25—First, McComb.

## Materials To Be Given

Stewardship and evangelism materials in the form of tracts and posters will be distributed at the conferences. The Baptist Jubilee Advance goals for 1963, all identified with the

year's World Mission program, will be emphasized. These include:

Increase in mission volunteers, increased personal and concerted prayer for missions, increased giving for missions, establishing new churches and missions, increased missions and Bible study, increased discussion and use of missions magazines, acceptance of personal responsibility for world missions, world missions made vital in each church.

# Texas Commends McCall

DALLAS (BP) — The Texas Baptist Executive Board meeting here commended Baylor University President Abner McCall for his decision to halt a Baylor drama production because of the play's objectionable language.

The 192-member board approved unanimously a motion by Herschel Ford of El Paso, Tex., stating "that this board go on record of approving President McCall's action and commending him for his strong stand."

McCall, president of the Baptist College in Waco, Tex., had ordered the Baylor Theater five days earlier to cancel the remaining performances of Eugene O'Neill's play, "Long Day's Journey Into Night," because "the language of the play is not in keeping with the university's ideals."

The executive board's action came just after outgoing Chairman K. Owen White of Houston told the board he had written a letter to McCall expressing his personal approval of the firm stand McCall took.

White, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Houston and recently elected president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, said he had also written a letter to the Baylor student congress expressing disappointment in their stand.

## Storm Of Protest Raised

The student congress, governing group for the Baylor student body, passed 27-4 a resolution condemning the cancellation of the Pulitzer-prize-winning play, stating the decision "has embarrassed the Baylor student body and raised a storm of protest from every corner of the Baylor student world."

An editorial in the Baylor Lariat, student newspaper, claimed the forced closing would brand Baylor "as a narrow-minded, intolerant, denominational school concerned with religious indoctrination rather than education."

Most Baptist pastors and leaders throughout the state evidently felt differently. In his letter to the Baylor Student Congress, White asked "did the Lord Jesus Christ ever use vulgar and profane language of this play?"

In the board meeting, Baptist Standard Editor E. S. James said he had just read

the play's script. "The more I read, the less I liked," he told the board, "And I've already written an editorial about it."

## Editorial Blasted Play

The editorial blasted the play, stating "the language is more than profane and objectionable to Christians — it is cheap and crude, it is blasphemous, it is abominable."

James said in the editorial, "it is not appropriate for production at the Baylor Theater or anywhere else. Baptist schools," he said, "were not built to teach the art of cursing."

W. A. Criswell, pastor of the nation's largest Southern Baptist Church — First Baptist Church of Dallas, said of the play, "anything filled with profanity is highly objectionable whether it's a business map cussing in his office, a football coach cussing on the sidelines, or a character cussing on the stage."

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## ON ELLIOTT ISSUE —

# Bible Professors Issue Statement

MACON, Ga.—Thirty-seven professors of Bible and religion from eight Southern Baptist colleges in the southeastern states have issued a joint statement on the controversy at Midwestern Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri charging that the Board of Trustees of that institution obeyed an "authority... which is in opposition to the authority of Scripture" when it dismissed Professor Ralph H. Elliott on October 25, 1962, because he refused to accede to an "official" request that he voluntarily refrain from republishing his book, "The Message of Genesis."

In "A Statement on the Current Crisis in the Southern Baptist Convention," the professors maintained that Elliott's dismissal had raised

"anew" the issue of the "limited, relative, human" nature of authority in the Southern Baptist Convention which was "derived from the authority and witness of Scripture."

The action of the Trustees "was a flagrant abuse of this derived authority because it clearly gave priority to such unscriptural criteria as unity and peace within the Convention which clearly contradicted the witness of Christ and the prophets."

## Statement Calls Attention

The Statement holds that the position which the Board struck in dismissing Dr. Elliott requires the assumption "that the (Southern Baptist) Convention can establish and justify itself as its own authority" apart from the authority (Continued on page 2)

# The Members And Employees of THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION BOARD

Extend to All of Our Readers

Best Wishes for a

Merry Christmas

And

Happy New Year



# 139,784 Scriptures To Cuban Refugees

During the first nine months of 1962, 139,784 Scriptures, at a cost of \$12,021.34, were donated to the Cuban refugees in the greater Miami metropolitan area by the American Bible Society.

The Scriptures are distributed through 66 pastors of churches and directors of Refugee Centers in Miami. Where permission is granted, the Scriptures are also placed in clinics. In addition, special contacts are made with the Spanish-speaking pastors who conduct Spanish services. Scriptures also have been donated in an evangelistic campaign directed to the Cuban refugees by Cuban ministers of the Refugee Centers maintained by the Miami Protestant Churches.



Rev. Stephen Tillman

## FIRST, MOSS CALLS PASTOR

After serving as interim pastor since June 1, Rev. Stephen E. Tillman has accepted the call to First Church, Moss, as pastor.

Rev. Tillman was ordained November 18 at Oakdale Church, Mobile, Alabama, where he was licensed in July 1960. He is a junior at William Carey College where he edits the campus newspaper. He was recently included in "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities."

The Moss pastor will be married December 22, to Marion Ingram, a senior Carey student from Soso. The couple was honored by the church November 28 with a church-wide shower.

## RICE-JUDSON AWARDS AWAIT 10 STUDENTS

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Ten \$1000 scholarships, known as the Luther Rice-Adoniram Judson Scholar Awards, will be presented to 10 enrolling students at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here next fall.

Applications from students in Mississippi are now being received by the dean of students' office. Deadline for receiving applications is January 15.

All Baptist students who are committed to any phase of the Christian ministry and who are enrolled as a senior or graduate student in college during the 1962-63 academic year may apply.

The Rice Award is intended for those students who plan to do church-related work in the United States. The Judson Award should be applied for by missionaries and whose work will carry them outside the United States.

Applicants will be judged on the basis of academic achievement, leadership ability and churchmanship.

Further information and application forms may be obtained by writing dean of students Dr. Peyton Thurman at the seminary, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville.

## BMC Campaign

(Continued from Page 1) can be the most significant days in the Campaign.

On behalf of the trustees and Mississippi Baptists, President Tyler and Director Meadows thank each individual who has had a part in this voluntary effort for the progress of Blue Mountain College. May each one enjoy the fullest measure of peace and goodwill not only at the Christmas time, but throughout the New Year.

## THROUGH THE VALLEY

Life story of Reverend Dan Moulder. Fifty-six years a country preacher. Read his experience—laugh—weep. The best Christmas present you can buy for mother or father or friend.

Mail \$1.00 to:  
REV. C. S. MOULDER  
3100 Hardy Street  
Hattiesburg, Miss.  
Book will be mailed to you at once.

Cubans arrived on our shores with little more than the clothes on their backs. Those who are forced to leave their Bibles in Cuba are given complete Bibles; others receive a New Testament and are given the Bible on request or when they become church members.

Refugees Eager  
American Bible Society Regional Secretary Dr. Steve P. Gaskins, who recently spent two days in Miami observing the pattern of Scripture distribution among the Cuban refugees, reports that all who minister to these unfortunate people express the conviction that the refugees are ready to receive the Scriptures, that the Scriptures must be made available and that the tragic experience these Cubans are undergoing makes the Scriptures inviting and acceptable.

The effort being made to distribute the Scriptures and the expense involved are also fully realized and appreciated.

## Retired Pastor Passes Away

Rev. R. Frank Roblin, 60 retired pastor, and resident of Mobile, Alabama, passed away on December 6 in Providence Hospital, Mobile, after an extended illness.

Mr. Roblin was a native of Toronto, Canada, where he founded and organized Calvin Baptist Church and remained there as pastor for twenty years. He then came to Mississippi in 1949 and became affiliated and very active in the program of the Southern Baptist Convention. He pastored several churches in north Mississippi before moving to McLain, serving his last pastorate there for a period of three years.

In pastoring several churches, Bro Roblin was instrumental in their growth from quarter- and half-time to full-time pastorates. Among those are Siloam Church, West Point; Rienzi Church; Walnut Church and Nettleton Church.

Immediate survivors are his wife; one daughter, Mrs. Melvin Maharrey of Glen Allan; two sons, John Paul Roblin who is Minister of Music at 19th Avenue Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, and Robert James Roblin, 16; and three grandchildren. Also surviving is his brother, Rev. Leander Roblin of Toronto, Canada.

Services were held in Moffett Road Baptist Church at Mobile, with interment at McLain. Officiating ministers were Rev. Glenn Dismukes of Mobile; Dr. W. Parks McKittrick of Hattiesburg, and Rev. Joe Small of McLain.

## \$10,000 Chandelier Falls In Church

SHREVEPORT, La.—A million crystal fragments — once part of the mammoth chandelier built especially for the new First Church here—sparkle like diamonds today on the floor of the intended sanctuary.

N. O. Thomas Jr., chairman of the building committee of the new church, yesterday explained how the \$10,000 plus fixture was damaged in a four-foot fall that resulted from the snapping of a large cable.

"There was a defect in the cable," said Thomas, "and it just snapped and fell. We can all be grateful that the defective cable broke when it did."

Any pastor not receiving his copy is urged to write Mr. Sansing giving his correct address.

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THE STATE HISTORICAL COMMISSION met last week at the Baptist Building and elected officers. Those present were, seated, left to right: Dr. J. S. Riser, Jackson, vice-president; Rev. J. L. Boyd, Clinton, Executive Secretary; R. H. Posey, Flora, president, and James B. Butler, Jackson, recording secretary. Standing: Rev. B. T. Bishop, Sr., Meadville; R. J. C. Sansing, Carrollton; Reid Dickens, Charleston, chairman Executive Committee; and Rev. S. R. Pridgen, Liberty, member Executive Committee. Absent were: Dr. F. K. Horton, Clarkdale and Rev. J. Mack Jones, Fort Gibson.

## Then You Can Keep Christmas

ARE YOU WILLING to forget what you have done for others and to remember what others have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you and to think what you owe the world; to stoop down and consider the needs and desires of little children; to remember the weakness of those no longer young; to stop asking how much your friends love you and ask yourself whether you love them enough—are you willing to do these things, even for a day? If so, then you can keep Christmas. And if you keep it for a day, why not always?

Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933)

## CALVARY CANTATA DEC. 23

The Chancel Choir of Calvary Church, Greenwood, led by Harry H. Horton, Jr., minister of music and education, will present a Christmas cantata on December 23, at 8:30 p.m.

"The Greatest Story Yet Told" is the name of the missionary cantata composed and arranged by Eugene L. Clark, in which the choir members plan to present the challenge of missions with songs old and new.

Dr. Oswald Smith calls this cantata a "masterpiece that will drive home the challenge of missions to every member of the congregation." It has a "tremendous appeal that reaches the heart."

Rev. Wilburn Matthews is the Calvary pastor.

## Who Recorded Tapes At Convention

The Editor of the Baptist Record would like to know the identity of the person who recorded messages during the recent session of the State Convention.

One of the visiting speakers is very anxious to secure one of the tapes and wants to know who to contact.

The Editor would appreciate it if the person who made the tapes would contact him.

## 1963 Diaries Are Mailed To Pastors

Mississippi Baptist diaries for 1963 were mailed this week to all pastors in the state, it has been announced by Rev. L. Gordon Sansing, Associate Executive Secretary.

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## Bible Study-Week

(Continued from page 1) Autumn and Winter, and a new filmstrip, Matthew's Message, is being prepared for use with Studies in Matthew.

A new Broadman Press book, Davis' Notes on Matthew, will be helpful, also. Both of these resources may be ordered from the Baptist Book Store.

## Bible Professors

(Continued from page 1) of Scripture.

The statement concludes by calling "attention to the urgent necessity for trustees and administrators of our educational institutions to devise structures and procedures which will not leave the scholars at the mercy of irresponsible attacks."

"Such structures and procedures will insure that a scholar's views will be heard and evaluated, with Scripture as the judge, by those from the ministry of scholarship and teaching as well as by those from other ministries and vocation."

Editor's Note: The 37 professors who signed the statement are on the faculties of the following schools: Campbell College, Meredith College and Wake Forest College, all of North Carolina; Furman University, South Carolina; Mercer University, Georgia; Stetson University, Florida; Union University, Tennessee; and University of Richmond, Virginia.

Signing the statement and releasing the story for the group was Edwin D. Johnston of the faculty of Mercer.

## Stetson Gets Grant

DELAND, Fla.—(BP) — A grant of \$62,100 has been made to Stetson University, for a 1963 summer institute in Mathematics for 50 secondary school teachers. President J. Ollie Edmunds said it comes from the National Science Foundation, the third year the foundation has selected Stetson of a summer institute.

## 3,000 Laborers

Tanganyika—About 80 people were present for the beginning of Baptists' third preaching point in Tanganyika. It is located on the Lugongo sisal estate, where there are more than 2,000 laborers, most of them from Mozambique, reports Rev. James B. Hampton, Southern Baptist missionary.

# Reid Emphasizes One Common Task

ATLANTA (BP)—"Baptists on the West Coast, on the East Coast, in the country and in mind that we have one common task — winning to the Lord," said A. Hamilton Reid of Montgomery, Ala.

Reid, Executive Secretary of the Alabama Baptist Convention spoke in the closing session of a meeting of Executive Secretaries of state Baptist Conventions.

"We speak of Southern Baptists as being a great democratic body," Reid continued. "We speak of the freedom of the individual Baptist, the freedom of each church and each association. We would not claim we have a perfect democracy—there cannot be a perfect democracy when you have people."

Expressing his reliance on fellowship in the denomination Reid said, "Where there isn't fellowship, there will not be fruitfulness; there will be lack of service."

Of dissension, Reid said, "We've had waves of dissension but they don't disturb me as much as they might. I've seen dissension come and go—and we'll have more. But the vast majority of Southern Baptists are moving forward with a common faith and a common concern."

During the two-day meeting of executive secretaries and the Home Mission Board, the two groups discussed their cooperative mission endeavors.

## Cuban Resettlement Successful

Language mission leaders told the men that Southern Baptists' Cuban resettlement efforts have been successful and urged support of a major denominational emphasis on language missions in 1963.

More than 300 Cuban refugees, representing 111 families, have been relocated outside Miami by Southern Baptist churches, said Loyd Corder of Atlanta, secretary of Language Groups Ministries for the Mission Board.

Southern Baptists help supply food and other aid to the more than 100,000 Cubans remaining in the Miami area through their Cuban relief center.

Corder revealed the mission board's plans to produce a filmstrip and a brochure on the needs and procedures in refugee resettlement in response to the request of men responsible for Baptist efforts in 14 states who journeyed to Miami to see the situation first hand.

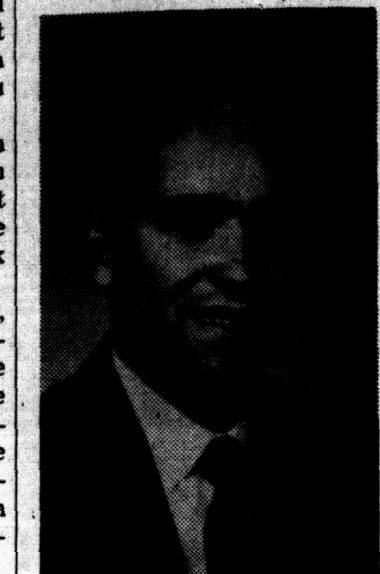
"We can't be sincere about world missions and neglect the language groups in our midst," Corder told the state leaders, as he related plans for major emphasis on this phase of mission work in 1963.

Corder and other mission leaders expressed confidence that the 1963 denominational emphasis on world missions will be greatly augmented by prayer retreats held in the states. These are "studiedly informal" said Corder, majoring on prayer periods for specific endeavors.

Chester L. Quarles called the prayer retreat in his state "the most beneficial thing we've had in Mississippi in my 12 years as executive secretary." "We (Southern Baptists) must focus our attention outside ourselves if we are to live and if God is to bless us," said Corder.

M. Wendell Belew of Atlanta discussed plans for a meeting of all Southern Baptist Association missionaries with representatives of agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly in Mississippi, February 11-15.

Belew, secretary of association missions with the mission board, expects about 700 men to attend the conference at the expense of the Home Mission Board, to examine association structure, missions philosophy and responsibility. Other areas of work discussed during the two-day meeting included surveys, city and pioneer missions.



DONALD MOORE, went to Immanuel Church, Hattiesburg, as Minister of Music recently from Trinity Church, Vicksburg. He directed two Christmas musicals at Immanuel. The first was December 12. The participating choirs for this service were the Beginner, Primary, and Junior choirs. On Wednesday, December 19, the church and youth choirs rendered the Cantata, "Born A King." Rev. C. B. Hamlet, III, is pastor at Immanuel.



Rev. J. L. Rasberry

## Poplar Springs Calls Pastor

Rev. J. L. Rasberry has resigned as pastor of Oakdale Church, Rankin County, to accept a call to Poplar Springs, Church, Mendenhall.

Rev. and Mrs. Rasberry moved to their new field on December 4 and were greeted with a "warm welcome and an abundance of food upon their arrival." On their first Sunday at Poplar Springs, the church received three additions.

During the year, 1962, the Oakdale Church received 23 additions, organized a choir, adopted its first budget, held its first regular monthly business meetings, increased its giving and went from half-time to a full time program with a resident pastor on the field.

Rev. Rasberry has served other churches in Mississippi and Louisiana. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary.

## Assistant Editor At BSSB

NASHVILLE — Miss Mavis Allen has joined the Sunday School Department staff of the Sunday School Board as assistant editor of Intermediate lesson courses.

She is a graduate of North-western State College, Natchitoches, La., and holds the M. R. E. degree from New Orleans Seminary.

## Uganda Gets Work

Uganda — Southern Baptist missionaries (Rev. and Mrs. Charles E. Evans) and African Christians from Bethsaida Baptist Church, near Kitale, Kenya, began Baptist services in Uganda on April 6 with a meeting in the village of Suam. At the request of the villagers, the Bethsaida pastor, Joram Muhando, now preaches in Suam each week, vns 70





# 'How Far Is It To Bethlehem'

By W. Morgan Patterson  
Associate Professor of  
Church History

A Christmas Sermon  
Luke 2:1-7

"How far is it to Bethlehem?" This question is the title and first line of a children's Christmas poem written by Frances Chesterton, the wife of the famous English poet and essayist, G. K. Chesterton. For her young audience she then replies with an answer that children would want to hear—"not very far." "How far is it to Bethlehem?" "Not very far." However, one may very well wonder about the accuracy of the answer, for our world seems very far from Bethlehem.

For a great part of the modern world, Bethlehem seems very remote, insignificant, and perhaps to many, irrelevant. It is easy to support and document this by a review of any week's events, as reported by newspapers, news magazines, television, and radio. On the international scene there is diplomatic confusion and haggling; far-off conflicts which nevertheless make their demands upon our attention and purses; international hypocrisy and black mail, and threats by diabolically clever men who are well suited to be the agents of the chief of adversaries. Daily one is made aware of the communist conspiracy fighting to subjugate the whole human race. There is also the threat of unbelievably destructive nuclear war and global vandalism. Against this kind of foreboding and perilous background, one writer entitled his Christmas sermon, "Megaton or Manger?" One Baptist editor, surveying such a scene with great anxiety, headlined his editorial, "Stop the World, I Want to Get Off." In this kind of world Bethlehem seems too far away to matter.

The same editor in a Christmas editorial wrote:

Throughout the world today there are countless multitudes who are disheartened and disillusioned by the terrible contrast between the song of angels and the realities of the world in which we live. Why sing Christmas carols or talk about angels, when there is so much suffering and pain, when in truth there is suspicion and hate, fear and tension between the nations, and the ever-present threat of atomic warfare? (Baptist Message, 12-21-62)

## Seems Very Far

How far is it to Bethlehem? It seems very far, too far to make much difference. On the national scene things are not much better. Here we see a commitment of faith of materialism and an offensive commercialization of the very event here commemorated; an obsession with conveniences and gadgets; a fixation on sex, and a morbid curiosity about the unnatural, in movies, books, television, and theatre; an upward-spiraling crime rate; deep-seated, un-Christian prejudices of men against men; widespread inequities and inequalities; unhappy frustration over inadequate efforts to put down or cope with the communist menace; and lavish spending programs to lengthen our armreach into space. It was this that prompted a contemporary poet to say:

Along the pathways of the stars  
We toil toward the Moon and Mars.  
Good God! It seems we've lost our mind  
In leaving Bethlehem behind.  
(Johnston C. Patrick)

The catalogue of our crimes, our idolatries, our insanities and inanities, and our common sins could run much longer. How far is it to Bethlehem? It would seem, very far!

Even to us who are Christians, Bethlehem too often seems far away, and perhaps almost unreal. The reason for this is not far to find. It's because we've eaten at the tables of sin and drunk from the cups of temptation; because we've strayed from the Master's side and been intent on doing things our way; Bethlehem seems far away because the Light of our souls has been eclipsed by selfish desire; and the light from Bethlehem has grown faint because of the darkness of our deeds and words. The warmth and assurance and light that we once knew in Jesus' presence has been replaced by coldness and fear and darkness. The poet wrote:

But now the road to Bethlehem  
Seems cold and steep and far;  
It wanders through a wilderness  
Unlit by any star.

The air is tense with moans of pain  
And cries of bitter hate.  
Where bloodstained hills and shattered stones  
Lie black and desolate.

How can the sacred heart of God  
Heal all this guilt and grief?  
Lord, I believe. And yet, this night,  
Help Thou mine unbelief!

Now in the darkness guide my feet,  
Give holy strength to them  
To walk with childlike faith  
Once more

The road to Bethlehem!  
("The Road to Bethlehem" by Watson Kirkconnell, in Masterpieces of Religious Verse, p. 157)

How far is it to Bethlehem? In our frail and fevered condition it often seems very far, especially so for those who stray and fall; for those who doubt and despair; and sometimes, for those who suffer pain and grief. For those, Bethlehem has lost the nearness and the meaning it ought to have.

What then is the meaning of Bethlehem? Of course, the word in the ancient language means "house of bread," probably because Bethlehem is in the center of a relatively fertile region; and thereby stands in contrast to much that is barren in that part of the world. There wheat and figs and olives grow. And of course, the word designates a town with roots deep in Hebrew history, hallowed in its association with Naomi and Ruth and Boaz. But, Bethlehem means much more than this.

Means Love To Christian  
To the Christian, Bethlehem means love. Though the heart of its character be summed up in this one word, its message is manifold. Bethlehem is the eternal symbol of God's love to man. Bethlehem means God

cares. Bethlehem is where heaven met earth; where God stooped to save his lost creation. It means faithfulness, God's faithfulness, for Bethlehem is the fulfillment of the ancient prophecy: women had now brought forth the seed that would bruise the adversary's head. Bethlehem means peace and hope for man: "Only where He was homeless are you and I at home."

Bethlehem means sharing. God has shared himself with us in his Son. We are to share our knowledge of him with others. And we are to share that which we have with those who are in need.

Bethlehem means that God is with us. The prophecy from Isaiah declared: "they shall call this name Emmanuel." (Matt. 1:23) God with us. Bethlehem means, in the words of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, God is not dead; nor doth he sleep!

The wrong shall fail, The right prevail,  
With peace on earth, good will to men!

Sent Forth His Son  
Bethlehem means that "God sent forth his Son," (Gal. 4:4).

And it also means, "God was in Christ." Herein is the meaning of Bethlehem and the meaning of Christmas.

In Nashville, Tennessee, in the home of an Army chaplain, on the first Christmas eve after the war, the telephone rang. His wife answered. She was thrilled to hear the voice of her husband who after many months overseas had just returned to American shores. You can imagine her joy when she learned he would be home for Christmas. He would be able to get home sometimes during the night. They decided to keep his home-coming a secret from the children that he might surprise them on Christmas morning, when the children gathered around the tree to open their presents lying beneath the tree, suddenly the white sheet on which the presents had been placed stirred, and up from among the packages arose their father. It is easy to imagine the joy of that home when the little ones who had expected only presents found their father himself.

This is a parable of the real meaning of Christmas. Up from the manger... no ordinary baby... but the Christ, the love of God Himself incarnate.

(Ralph Sockman, from a sermon over the National Pulpit Christmas, 1946.)  
Conclusion: "How far is it to Bethlehem?" Another wrote: "It isn't far to Bethlehem Town! It's anywhere that Christ comes down And finds in people's friendly face

A welcome and abiding place. The road to Bethlehem runs right through The homes of folks like me and you.

(Madeleine Sweeney Miller)  
How far is it? It is only as far as repentance and faith. It is only as far as worship and adoration. It is only as far as decision and dedication.

At Bethlehem we can exchange fear for faith, weakness for strength, hate for love, aimlessness for purpose. Yes, there we may even exchange death for life.

But let us know this and burn it upon our hearts that: "Though Christ a thousand times in Bethlehem be born, if he's not born in Thee, thy heart's forlorn" (Angelus Silesius 1624-77). Let us turn our faces and footsteps in the direction of Bethlehem and there meet and worship the Lord of life. We can join the shepherds and hear them say:

Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing that is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste.

## When The Harvest Comes

By C. M. Day

Director of Temperance Work  
Jesus has much to say about sowing, reaping and the harvest. He spoke these things that we might know the harvest uppermost in his mind was that of human lives and souls. This he emphasized when he said: "He that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption, but he that soweth to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting."

For some unknown reason many people, young and old, choose the beautiful hallowed season of Christmas to do much sowing to the flesh, thinking, perhaps that the day of reaping may never come, but "be not deceived, God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap."

We mention here the worst of all evil sowing—the partaking of alcoholic beverages. This is one blind alley that intersects all other wild ways of destruction. Juvenile Courts from various parts of our

country report that teen-age drinking has become one of our most serious juvenile problems. One court reported that children between the ages of 7-17 years have had excessive drinking experience. Another court reported cases involving drinking by teen-agers include fatal automobile accidents, "parties which were little more than sex orgies, and one instance where a seventeen year old boy beat a girl fatally with a club."

### Parents Warned

A warning to parents comes in the discovery that 75% of drinking by teen-agers starts in the home. This may come as a shock, and we trust that it will be sufficient to shock all parents from the lethargy and indifference evidenced everywhere. Youngsters should be taught by precept and example in abstinence of alcoholic beverages. We should encourage officers of the law in doing their duty in enforcing the prohibition law in our

state and also encourage members of the legislature to enact laws favorable to the protection of our teen-agers. There is not much use in trying to mop up the floor unless the spigot is turned off.

This Christmas could be used in no better way than worshipping the one in whose memory we celebrate Christmas; no better time can be found to teach our youngsters the true meaning of Christmas free from all use of alcoholic beverages.

The scripture says: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." If this injunction is followed the harvest truly will be plentiful and joyous, but if we fail to do this, hear God's words concerning the harvest:

"In the day shalt thou make thy plant to grow, and in the morning shalt thou make thy seed flourish: but the harvest shall be a heap in the day of grief and of desperate sorrow." Isa. 17:11.

## The Spirit of Christmas

By Ralph A. Herring

At this season of the year it takes real perseverance to come upon and to enjoy the true spirit of Christmas. To do so one must plow through the soft silt of sentiment; one must pick his way through folklore and downright superstition; one must push roughshod over and across the ever mounting barriers of commercialism.

And what is the true spirit of Christmas? There are doubtless many answers—the radiation of cheer, good will to men, the bestowing of gifts. But are these the spirit of Christmas, or the expressions of that spirit? Are they not rather the product than the factor, the effect rather than the cause?

The tingling expectancy of faith trembling on the verge of glorious realization is the essence of Christmas in its highest meaning, the thrill of God breaking through to man—the awareness of Deity incarnate in human flesh and circumstance.

Thus it seems after a fresh interview with the characters who played their parts so well in the first drama of Christmas. The world in which their role was cast, pagan as it was, was yet astir with a vague expectancy. Tribal deities had fallen under the weight of the one world that emerged upon the Roman conquest. The great Pan was dead, and thoughtful men were waiting humbly for something—they knew not what.

But the tiny province of Judea was all astir with expectancy. There the light of prophecy burned with increasing brightness. Decadent hearts thrilled with the impending realization of that hope which was the peculiar heritage of the people of God.

Simeon and Anna were but minor characters in the stupendous drama of the incarnation. Yet their role was typical. Humble, devout, faithful, they were numbered among those "looking for the consolation of Israel." In their simplicity they did not stumble at the manner in which the divine breakthrough was made. The crowded inn and the lowly manger of Bethlehem, the virgin mother and her carpenter husband from despised Nazareth—these were not hindrances to a faith inspired and nourished by revelation. Such a faith saw the glory of the common place and responded in exultation.

Today also, looking with childlike wonderment for the breakthrough of God's love in humble hearts and simple circumstance, one may come upon and enjoy the true spirit of Christmas.



1963 AGENDA — Planning the agenda for the 1963 Southern Baptist Convention are, from left, Ira C. Prosser of Lexington, Ky., who will direct the music; Herschel H. Hobbs, Convention president, from Oklahoma City, and J. Samuel Phillips, Lovington, N. M., chairman of the SBC Committee on Order of Business. The Convention will meet May 7-10 in Kansas City, Mo. (BP) Photo.

## 1963-1964 Sunday School Goals Set

NASHVILLE — A goal of 600,000 converts during 1963-64 was given to state Sunday School workers here today. The goal was set by the Evangelism Division of the Home Mission Board as a convention goal in Baptisms and in the target of the Sunday school it combines outreach with evangelism.

"People are our most important product," declared A. V. Washburn, secretary of the Sunday School Department of the Sunday School Board, as he presented the Sunday School's 1963-64 program theme: "Outreach for the unreached—spearhead for evangelism."

"Our objective is people," said Dr. Washburn. "Our program is outreach, our goal is to reach 600,000 unsaved persons with the gospel, and our need is for immediate action." The following dated program of action was proposed for reaching more than half a million persons for Christ:

September, 1963: discover the unsaved.  
October, November, December, 1963: Enlist the unsaved in Sunday School.  
January — February, 1964: Teach the unsaved.  
March — April, 1964: Witness to and win the unsaved.  
May — September, 1964: Strengthen the saved.

## Dehoney Suggests Program

NASHVILLE — Wayne Dehoney, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson, Tenn., recently offered a two-point program for reversing the trend that has brought Southern Baptist growth to its lowest point in twenty years:

## Manhattan Baptist Church Comes Soon to Fifth Anniversary

January 1963 marks the fifth anniversary of Manhattan Baptist Church, which was the first Southern Baptist work in the seven-state area of the Northeast where there are now twenty-one churches, twelve of which were formerly chapels of Manhattan. In addition to these churches there are thirty missions, some of which will become strong churches.

Also, in this area today there are three associations: New England, Metropolitan New York and Delaware Valley (Greater Philadelphia). In the metropolitan area are nine churches and a dozen mission points, serving under the auspices of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and in affiliation with the Baptist Convention of Maryland.

During these five years Manhattan church has lettered over thirteen hundred people, more than nine hundred of whom have been members of chapels which have been constituted as churches. At present the members meet not only in the central work but also in Careret, N. J.; Greenwich, Conn.; Staten Island, N. Y. and Queens, L. I. Services of the Language Chapel are held at the same hour as the regular services of the church and are led by Leobardo Estrada, the speaker on "The Spanish Baptist Hour" (Radio & TV Commission, SBC), who is the Language Groups leader in this area. Student work is being done at West Point and on Manhattan, as well as at other points.

The dispersal of population in the last twenty years has put Southern Baptists every-

where. It is estimated there are a million and a half Southern Baptists in so-called "Northern states" and the penetration of Southern Baptist work into the Northeast has made possible the recent announcement that Southern Baptists have work in every state. New work usually begins with dedicated Southern Baptists. Others living in the area are reached when the church becomes established in a location with pastoral leadership and an aggressive program.

"May Southern Baptists make their witness felt with increasing effectiveness in this world capital and center of American finance, commerce, culture and education," says Rev. Paul S. James, pastor.

Dehoney, chairman of the Public Relations Committee of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention spoke at the annual meeting of State Sunday School secretaries held here Dec. 10-14.

Because Southern Baptists have blunted the cutting edge of their witness and rejected tested methods for reaching people, there is mounting evidence of stagnation and decline in the life of the denomination, Dehoney declared.

For fifteen years, he said, Southern Baptists were known as the "miracle denomination of Christendom" because of their unparalleled growth. Yet in the past five years, he stated, this advance has slowly ground to a halt.

"I believe we are in the process of repudiating at the 'top level' those methods for reaching people that we have discovered and successfully developed through experience at the local church level," he said.

"From the top administrative levels of the denomination we are now handing down calendars and emphases to the churches that fragment and break up this working pattern that has been so effective."

## Seminar Leaders Named For Meet

NASHVILLE—Sunday School Board staff members announce the list of conference leaders for the Church Administration seminar scheduled to meet in Nashville Jan. 21-25.

Leaders include these members of the board's Church Administration Department: Howard B. Foshee, secretary; Idus V. Owensby, church business consultant; L. J. Newton, Jr., church administration consultant; and Ralph C. Atkinson, church public relations consultant.

Other conference leaders are: W. L. Howse, director, Education Division; W. O. Thomason, assistant to the director, education Division; Leroy Ford, editor, adult lesson courses, Training Union Department; Leonard E. Wedel, director, Office of Personnel; and J. Marvin Crowe, associate executive secretary-treasurer.

Luncheon addresses will be made by James L. Sullivan, board executive secretary-treasurer, and Albert McClellan, program planning secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, Nashville.

Three other church administration seminars will be held in Nashville Mar. 25-29, Apr. 8-12 and May 13-17.

## Indiana To Build New State Office

INDIANAPOLIS (BP) — A zoning board decision here removed the next to the last obstacle to construction of new offices for the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana.

The convention, affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, hopes to move from Plainfield, Ind., to suburban Indianapolis.

The county zoning board approved rezoning of a 3.67-acre tract on the western edge of Indianapolis on which the Baptists would build their new offices.

Executive Secretary E. H. Moore of Plainfield announced that, almost a month early, the convention had met its full \$128,500 Cooperative Program budget for 1962. This compares to the \$114,510 received in 1961.

The state convention, now in its fourth year as such, has 172 cooperating churches and 49 missions, with more than 30,000 members.

## SS Publications To Be Expanded

NASHVILLE — The Sunday School Board will expand its present program of Sunday school publications in Oct., 1963. At that time, at least four new lesson courses will be available.

On the beginner level there will be a course for 4-year-olds and a separate course for 5-year-olds. However, the present series for 4- and 5-year-olds together will be continued.

A cycle graded course will replace the present intermediate closely graded course. There will be a course for 13- and 14-year-olds and a course for 15- and 16-year-olds. Two sets of lessons comprise each course—series A and series B—to be used on alternate years. Superintendents' books will be available for both courses.

Also, "Sunday School Lessons for the Deaf" will become "Sunday School Lessons Simplified" in Oct., 1963. This quarterly is planned for new readers and persons with limited knowledge of English.



THE CHRISTMAS TREE in the lobby at Baptist Hospital, Jackson, was decorated by the Y. W. A. of Gilroy School of Nursing. Each gold ball placed on the tree represents a dollar given to Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Placing the first ball on the tree are L. to E. J. Ladell Holloway, Randolph; Sylvia Gibson, Jackson; Rachel Polk, Prentiss.



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## The Bells Of Christmas...

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Saviour is born". These bells seem to be speaking to our hearts. What are they saying? Let us listen!

1. The first message of the bells is that God is with us. The prophet said long ago that he should be called "Immanuel" which is "God with us". Christmas tells us just that. The God of heaven, creator of the universe, is concerned about men. Because of His love and grace and mercy, He was, in His Son, come to earth in the wondrous incarnation. Taking the form of man, He came to be with men, to walk among them, to reveal God to them, to die for them, and, conquering death, to give them eternal life and victory in Himself. This is the greatest news of history. As the bells ring, let them loudly proclaim the good news that God is with men.

2. The bells tell more for they speak of salvation. The world's greatest need is salvation. Christmas is far more than the story of a babe in a manger, for it is the revelation of God providing salvation for sinful men. The angel said, "Thou shalt call his name Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins." Mankind has no greater need. Let men lost in darkness, look up with expectancy, for the Christmas bells tell that man can be saved eternally.

3. The bells speak love as they ring forth their message. It is God's love for men, and His love shed abroad in human hearts, making men love one another. When men know the Christ of Christmas, love does fill their hearts. In a world of bitterness and hate, there should be gladness in our hearts that the song of the Christmas bells is the message of love.

4. There is joy in the ringing of the bells. The angels said, "Behold we bring you tidings of great joy." To know that God has come to earth; to know that there is salvation from sin; to know that the world has light for darkness, hope for despair, love for hate, and life for death, should send sounds of joy winging across the earth. Surely, the Christmas bells ring out "Joy to the world, the Lord has come".

5. The bells also bring a message of peace. There is no true peace in this troubled, sin-cursed world, except in the hearts of those who know the Christ of Christmas, as personal Saviour and Lord. Conflict and strife, trouble and despair, fear and dismay, grip the hearts of men, but for those who are in Christ there is deliverance and peace. Jesus said when He came "My peace give I unto you. The angels announcing the Saviour's birth, sang of peace. The proclamation of the Christmas bells is "peace on earth".

All of these things, and many more, the bells ring out. In this Christmas season may we not allow the sound of bells to be drowned out by other things. Christmas still means Christ!

In our homes, in the churches, in the busy marts, and wherever we may be this glad season, let us look up and listen! The bells are ringing! God has given the world its most glorious season... Christmas!

## Rule This Intruder Out!

There is an intruder in the Christmas celebration. A guest who does not belong, seeks to come into Christmas and take away its real meaning.

Christmas is a Christian celebration. It is true that many persons have turned it into a mad holiday without thought of Christ, but there would have been no Christmas if the Son of God had not come to Bethlehem's manger. The true meaning of Christmas is Jesus Christ.

Yet this intruder is here, and is very persistent, in his efforts to secure a place in every person's Christmas. Check the magazines and other advertising media, and see how he is seeking to make people believe that he belongs. Many will be deceived by his claims and will find out, only too late, that he will not aid the Christmas celebration, but rather blur its meaning and mar its beauty and joy. He will bring sorrow instead of happiness, and curse instead of blessing.

Who is this intruder? He is alcohol — alcoholic beverages, liquor, booze in its many forms. Look at current magazines and see how he is seeking to take this season over. One popular magazine last week carried seventeen full pages of liquor advertising, while another magazine had nine such pages. As one looks at the colorful spreads, with glamorous pictures, beautiful containers, attractive boxes and enticing words, he sees how strong an appeal this intruder is making. Listen to the claims such as "the most perfect gift", "the most wanted gift", or "what every man wants for Christmas". The intimation is that there cannot be a happy Christmas season without liquor.

How false these claims are. The only contribution that this intruder will make to Christmas is to litter his victims along the nation's highways; to bring false hilarity and sin and evil to Christmas parties; tears and heartaches to homes; and curse and hurt and remorse to human hearts. There will be no true Christmas where liquor is involved. There will be no precious remembrances of glorious Christmas experiences where he is allowed to intrude.

No, liquor does not belong in the observance of Christmas. Of course, we recognize that we cannot prevent his being invited into many homes. We can, however, appeal to Christians to rule him out, to refuse him admission during Christmas (or any other season), and to make unwelcome those who would bring him in.

Christmas is the time for Christ. Let us invite Him in! Let us rule the intruder out!

## Remember Your Pastor

Christmas is a time of giving. It began with God's wonderful gift of His own Son. It continues with our gifts to Him, and to loved ones and friends. Without giving, Christmas would be rather meaningless. Giving expresses love and appreciation.

Most churches have the custom of remembering the pastor and his family, and other staff members at the Christmas season. This is not something selfishly expected, but rather the overflowing expression of love of a congregation for those who serve and minister in their midst.

Some churches fail to do this. It is not the monetary value of the gift, but the spirit that motivates the giving. An editor in another state writes to the churches there "Please do not rob your pastor—or yourself—of the blessing which can be yours. Remember your pastor at Christmastime. He will be overjoyed. God will be pleased!"

We would hope that every church in Mississippi, large and small, will make some tangible expression of love to the pastor and staff in this Christmas season. It will make Christmas a richer time in every church.

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No man can do more than the will of God, no matter where he goes; no man dare do less than the will of God, no matter where he stays.

Eat your bread alone and you will be fed, but share your loaf if you would know the flavor of good bread.

CHRISTMAS is giving God's living word. "And ye also shall bear witness..." John 15:27.  
(Home Mission Board Photo.)

## Baptist Forum

## Down the Road A Piece

Several years ago I found myself complaining about having to travel so far to attend our associational meeting. Why, in order to get to the meeting and return to my home, I had to drive 36 miles. I thought about that long 36 mile trip as we were returning from our associational meeting several weeks ago — a meeting that required traveling well over 400 miles in order that we might attend. As I am writing this, the State convention is in progress. How we would like to be there but for quite obvious reasons we could not attend. You see, it would require a trip of over 2000 miles.

Robert E. Wall  
Missionary at Kalispell,  
Montana

## December, 1962

Dear Friends,  
As you can see by our address we have moved again. We are 7 miles out of Lagos on the road to Ibadan. In May the Griffins whom we were relieving in the business office returned. We continued at the Mission Hostel and with the

work in the two associations we already had plus two more assigned in July. In September Miss Tanner returned to the Mission Hostel and we moved out to the missionary adviser's residence and are still trying to carry on the work in four associations covering an area about 1/2 as big as Mississippi. Nov. 1 Cecil had surgery at our Baptist Hospital in Ogbomoso. It was a miracle the way he recovered so rapidly. We are thankful for God's blessings during that time. We did miss friends and loved ones during that time, especially the two hours Marie waited alone in his hospital room while he was in surgery seemed a bit long. Marie lost her mother in February. We have learned through leaving Conrad and the home-going of our mothers that God gives us grace sufficient for our needs.

We hope the news from out here does not worry you like the news from home worries us. We do pray for peace at home and around the world. Progress has been made during the past year. One of the churches in Ijebu Association started a mission and they are now worshipping in a temporary shelter. At least six churches are in a building pro-

gram and several have made major repairs. There is one ordained pastor in Ijebu Association and one in the Lagos II Association. The Macedonia Association is in the southwest corner of Nigeria reaching to the Badagry area and up to about 15 miles south of Abeokuta. The Ketu Association extends on up to Abeokuta. It is not unusual for us to travel 150-200 miles each Sunday. We camp at the places where we have our quarterly association meetings. Everywhere we camp we feel we established home for a little while. Our G. A. Camps were better this year. Last Year 54 girls attended the Ijebu Camp and this year 71. Last year 28 attended the Lagos II Camp and this year 51.

People are still responsive to the Gospel. Many are trying to get their political equilibrium. To some it has come as a shock to find that getting independence did not cause a miraculous Utopia to appear. Nigeria as well as all of Africa needs the prayers of Christian friends as never before. Three of our finest Baptist leaders were chosen to take important places in the temporary provisional government set up during the Western Region emergency. They need our prayers.

Conrad is a junior at Mississippi Southern University at Hattiesburg. His address is Southern Station Box 1631.

At this Christmas Season, our thoughts turn to friends and home. We pray that you will have a happy time and that God will guard and bless each of you. As we begin the New Year may we covenant together to seek God's will in our lives and determine to serve him more faithfully each day. Cecil & Marie Robertson  
Box 300,  
Yaba, Via Lagos,  
Nigeria, West Africa

## Calendar of Prayer

December 24—Mrs. Catherine Irvin, staff, Baptist Children's Village; Mrs. Julia Todd, faculty, Mississippi College.  
December 25—Mrs. Edith A. Ballard, faculty; Clarke College; Miss Lounell Mullis, faculty, Blue Mountain College.  
December 26—Birdie Gray, Baptist Book Store; Albert P. Hughes, faculty, William Carey College.  
December 27—Mrs. H. L. Logan, Riverside associational WMU president; Mrs. Margaret Dougherty, Tate associational WMU president.  
December 28—Clark Hensley, Superintendent of Missions, Hinds County; Robert Burrows, Baptist Building.  
December 29—Kathryn Beard, Baptist Student Director, Baptist Hospital; Martin Gilbert, superintendent of missions, Riverside Association.  
December 30—James Sadler, Jr., superintendent of missions, Tallahatchie County; Guy Gray, Simpson County.

## New Books

THE FAMILY IN CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE by C. W. Scudder (Broadman, 167 pp., \$3.50)

A professor of Christian ethics at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, since 1954, Dr. Scudder is well prepared to deal with marriage problems from a positive Christian point of view. He bases his teachings upon the Bible and Christian theological principles. Opening with a chapter on the general subject of marriage from a theological point of view, the author discusses the preparation for a successful marriage, sex, parenthood, family responsibilities, provision for the elderly, family problems, and the church and the home. A valuable contribution on one of today's major problems.

THE ETHICS OF PAUL by Morton Scott Enslin (Abingdon, 335 pp., paper, \$2.25)

Paperback reprint of a scholarly study of the ethical teachings of Paul. Discusses the forces around Paul that influenced him, and then discusses problems of morals and religion facing people of Paul's day and ours. Closing chapters cover Paul's appeals for Christian living, as they related to ethical problems.

BASIC CHRISTIAN DOCTRINES, Edited by Carl F. H. Henry (Holt, Rinehart, Winston, 382 pp., \$6.00)

These 43 essays on the basic doctrines of the Christian faith first appeared as a series in the magazine CHRISTIANITY

TODAY. Now they are made available in permanent form. Written by outstanding conservative theologians of both America and Europe, the discussions are comprehensive yet compact and faithful to theological principles of research yet understandable by the average reader. The entire range of the doctrines of God and man are considered. Several Southern Baptist theologians are among the writers. This is a volume of real permanent value.

THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD by Arthur W. Pink (Baker, paper, 83 pp., \$1.00)

Reprint of brief, scholarly study of the attributes of God. The author has the ability to present wondrous pictures of great Bible truths in clear outline and with deep spiritual perception.

THIS SIDE OF TOMORROW by Ruth Livingston Hill (Zondervan, 186 pp., \$2.50)

An intricate and interesting novel about four college young people caught in the web of intellectual unbelief. How they find the Christian answer to life is the core of the story.

ALL THE PROMISES OF THE BIBLE by Herbert Lockyer (Zondervan, 610 pp., \$5.95)

The author has in this volume compiled a monumental collection. As usual, he has concentrated on one theme and has dug up a tremendous load of riches on the theme of Divine promises made in the Scriptures.

## BAPTIST BELIEFS

By Herschel H. Hobbs  
Pastor, First Baptist Church  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

## THE VIRGIN MARY

Other than tradition and the Apocryphal Gospels (not Scripture) nothing is known about the Virgin Mary apart from the record of the New Testament. "Mary" is the Greek form of the Hebrew word "Miriam" (cf. Exodus 15:20). She was a member of the tribe of Judah (Luke 3:30). As a peasant girl she lived in Nazareth (Luke 1:26-27), although she traced her lineage back to Bethlehem through David (Luke 2:4, with Joseph). She was a cousin of Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist (Luke 1:36).

As a young maiden, probably about sixteen (the apocryphal gospels say twelve), she was betrothed to Joseph, a carpenter, a man probably much older than Mary (Matt. 1:18). In Jewish life betrothal was more than our engagement, but was not equal to our marriage. By her own admission her character is unsalable (Luke 1:34).

As a virgin she received God's revelation that she was to bear His Son (Matt. 1:18; Luke 1:26ff.). She was a woman of great faith and submission (Luke 1:38, 46ff.), but not one without wonder. The first question as to possibility of the Virgin Birth came from Mary (Luke 1:34).

After the birth of Jesus, Mary entered into the normal relations of married life. She and Joseph became the parents of four sons and at least two daughters (Matt. 13:55-56). Roman and Greek Catholics, holding to the perpetual virginity of Mary, see these as "cousins" of Jesus or else children of Joseph by a former marriage. But the more natural meaning of the text is that they were half-brothers and half-sisters of Jesus by Mary and Joseph.

The New Testament does not record where Jesus ever re-

ferred directly to Mary as "mother," although He doubtless regarded her as such, although the New Testament does make such references. In His public ministry Jesus referred to a higher relationship (Matt. 12:46ff.). His references to Mary as "woman" (John 2:4; 19:26) were not terms of disrespect. When properly understood they carried the highest respect.

The "sword" truly pierced through Mary's soul (Luke 2:35) as she followed Jesus to His cross (John 19:25). There Jesus showed His tender care for her as He committed her to His beloved disciple (John 19:26-27). She is listed among the group in the upper room after Jesus' ascension (Acts 1:14). Tradition says that she lived with John until her death in old age, probably at Ephesus.

Mary should be revered as one highly favored of God (Luke 1:30) and the mother of our Saviour. But the New Testament does not justify the extravagant claims made for her by the Roman Catholic Church.

## Counselor's Corner

By Dr. R. Lofton Hudson

## Marriage Annulled

QUESTION: A friend of mine has fallen in love with a fine Christian young man of her same faith. Five years ago before he became a Christian he married a young girl. Her parents had the marriage annulled because she was not of age. At that time he was not a Christian and led a pretty reckless life.

Would a marriage to him be scripturally permissible? Or is an annulment the same as a divorce?

ANSWER: It is easy to be technical about such cases and consider the legal aspect the important one. Actually the case you present is not dealt with specifically in the Scriptures. So far as I know annulment was not practiced then. In a manner of speaking annulment is equivalent to divorce.

The problem here is whether we have a God who would doom a man to single despair because he foolishly married a young girl without her parents consent, and this before he became a Christian. I cannot imagine even the most dogmatic literalist taking such a position. To attribute such a sentiment to the Bible should be resented by every true Christian. This would make our God to appear unreasonable, unjust, and beyond the respect of thinking people.

Tell your friend to decide this marriage choice on the basis of the present, not the past. If her boy friend is truly converted, has come to himself, and really cares for her, she should not be hesitating on the basis of differences of opinion about the interpretation of Scripture. Each Christian must interpret the Bible for himself. In this case there is not particular passage to interpret. In all cases the letter of the law must be interpreted in the atmosphere of the spirit of the law.

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, 116 West 47th Street, Kansas City 12, Missouri.)

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## Allison Delivers N. O. Lectures

NEW ORLEANS—"It is easy to brag about our advance in the cause of world evangelization, but when we honestly face the difference between our opportunity and our effort, we must bow our heads in shame," B. Gray Allison told a chapel audience at New Orleans Seminary.

"The only way to increase our effort is through the power of God," the speaker continued.

Dr. Allison, guest professor at the seminary, delivered the annual evangelism lectures Dec. 12-14.

Speaking on "a winning witness in a wayward world," Dr. Allison said "it is not the imperative of an external command that sends us after the lost, but the impulse of an indwelling presence. However, God doesn't waste his power on nominal witnesses." A witnessing Christian gets the power of God "because he needs it."

Early in the lecture series Dr. Allison defined evangelism as the presentation of Christ so that men will accept him as Saviour. He said evidently Christians are not heeding the Great Commission because "we are doing a pitiful job of carrying the gospel" to the world.

**Sees Weak Witness**  
The speaker cited examples of inroads being made into the world's population by such religions as Islam, Buddhism and Hinduism while Christians let missionary opportunities such as China slip away.

The reason for an anemic witness is not secular attacks on the faith, he continued, but "the reduced Christianity within" the ranks which is concerned more with "getting everybody into heaven than with making anybody fit for heaven."

Christians have only two reasons for evangelism, according to the speaker. "We do it for the glory of God and love." But further, "If a Christian does not make redemption the ultimate purpose of everything he does, then he is not acting as a Christian."

## "Upward" To Be Monthly Magazine

NASHVILLE — "Upward," illustrated weekly for Southern Baptist Intermediates, will become a monthly magazine in color in Oct., 1963.

Distributed by the Sunday School Board through the Sunday schools, "Upward" contains stories, articles, puzzles, jokes, poetry and cartoons. "The new 'Upward' will be beamed to all high school youth," Miss Velma Darbo, said.

## Evangelism Leaders Seek Better Ways

ATLANTA (BP)—"Our program of evangelism is not being communicated to the pastors and the people." So said the Director of Evangelism with the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, C. E. Autrey, to men who work with him as directors of evangelism in state Baptist Conventions.

But this can be overcome by realizing our purposes," continued Autrey.

The evangelism leader continued by drafting the solution to the problem—namely, to intensify a spirit of evangelistic urgency, to build a spiritual atmosphere, to keep evangelism alive and vigorous, to keep the program unified, and to keep a solid emphasis on the gospel.

"We must think big," said Autrey. "We must do some old fashioned things such as reading the Bible and developing deeper conviction about basic scriptural truths."

"We must change our methods, but not our message," he continued.

## Interest High In Missions Schools

ATLANTA (BP)—Interest in missions caused one and a half out of every 10 Southern Baptists to attend a special school of missions in their local church or association this year.

Lewis W. Martin of Atlanta gave this information to men who serve as directors of schools of missions in state Baptist conventions meeting here this week.

Martin, secretary of Missionary Education with the denomination's Home Mission Board, works with representatives of the Foreign Mission Board and the mission boards in the states to coordinate schools of missions held throughout the Southern Baptist Convention.

The schools of missions leaders praised a new reporting method which reveals progress in such things as the number of churches participating in schools and the number of graded mission study classes taught.

## Work Grows With National Baptists

ATLANTA (BP)—Ten years ago one Southern Baptist work-

ed full time with National Baptists in a position of statewide responsibility under the auspices of the denomination's Home Mission Board.

This week nine state directors of work with National Baptists met here for long range planning with personnel of the mission board for budget, personnel and program needs.

These men represent more than 80 Southern Baptists who work with their fellow Negro Baptists in missions, Christian education, enlistment and evangelism, according to Victor Gass of Atlanta, associate secretary of the Mission Board's work with Nation Baptists.

## Warren Challenges State Leaders

ATLANTA (BP)—C. C. Warren of Charlotte, N. C., told superintendents of missions in state Baptist conventions meeting here that he expects the number of mission and churches started by Southern Baptists in the 30,000 movement to reach 18,000 by the end of 1963.

Warren, director of the 30,000 Movement, and the men responsible for leading in church extension in the various state conventions, considered goals the states will work toward in 1963.

Southern Baptists must start 12,000 additional missions and churches by the end of 1964 if they are to reach the goal of 30,000 set in 1956.

Twelve state Baptist conventions have already reached the goals they set for the entire period of the movement.

Warren, who challenged the convention to double the number of preaching places and then resigned his pastorate in Charlotte to become director of the movement, said, "I am confident that we can start 6,000 new missions and churches during each of the two remaining years and reach the goal."

## 'Answer' Draws Thai Approval

A Thailand committee on the control of juvenile delinquency recently recommended a Baptist television program for its fine influence on the morals of youth. The committee's statement was reported in a Thai newspaper on October 15.

The program is the Thai version of "The Answer," sponsored each Monday at 5:45 p.m. by the Thailand Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries) and a Thailand dairy company. It is carried over Channel 7, the army station in central Thailand.

"The Answer" series is produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

New church construction during September was \$91 million, which equaled the record for the most comprehensive ever ago.

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## GROUP LEARNING INSTITUTE GULFSHORE JANUARY 21-25, 1963

There are ten spaces still open and available to the first ten who make a request for a reservation to attend the GROUP LEARNING INSTITUTE AT GULFSHORE BAPTIST ASSEMBLY ON JANUARY 21-25. Attendance is limited to thirty people.

This is an institute in which participants learn through laboratory experience to develop the skills and knowledge of small-group interaction which produce learning. It will be valuable to any church leader but particularly to those who are called on from time to time to lead conferences, teach study courses, etc.

Because the enrollment is limited and because this is our first effort in this field the Training Union Department is providing free a room at Gulfshore and all conference materials. Each participant must provide his own travel and meals. The Cafeteria at Gulfshore will be open.

The Institute begins at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, January 21 and closes at 4:00 p.m. Friday, January 25. The meetings will be informal.

Leaders for this Institute will be Mr. H. Walton Connelly, Jr., State Training Union Secretary of Virginia who has conducted several such institutes in recent years in his own and other states; and Mr. Harry Clark, Minister of Education, First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Virginia. Both are writers of Training Union curriculum materials.

Write or call the Training Union Department, Box 530, Jackson, La. 70220 for reservation or information.



MISS MARY FRANCES DAWKINS, Assistant Personnel Secretary of Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., shows picture used during statewide Medical Missions Conference at Woodland Hills Church, Jackson, Dec. 7-8 to several students who attended. From left: Debbie Burroughs, of Forrest, student at University Medical School of Nursing in Jackson; Rebecca Skinner, of Union, student at Gilfoy School of Nursing at Baptist Hospital, Jackson; and Sandy Marler, of Booneville, student at Northeast Junior College, Booneville.



MISS EVELYN FREDENBERG, missionary to Nigeria, chats informally between sessions with several at conference. From left: Miss Fredenberg; John W. McFadden, of West Point, student at University School of Medicine, Jackson; Carol Charlton, of Louisville, of Gilfoy School of Nursing, Baptist Hospital, Jackson, and Rev. Harold St. Gemme, Hinds County student director who presided over some of the sessions.



MISS MARY FRANCES DAVIS, student at University School of Nursing, (left) engages Dr. Sam Cannata, missionary to Southern Rhodesia and Miss Ruth Porter, missionary to Paraguay, in a conference on several aspects of medical missions.

## Gets New Post

DALLAS (BP)—William A. Cox Jr., Minister of Education for the 12,000-member First Church of Dallas, has resigned to accept a similar position at the First Baptist Church in West Palm Beach, Fla.



ROSE MARY HODGES (right) a member of the Marler Y. W. A., Southside Church, Meridian, recently was presented her Honor Citation by Mrs. J. T. Northam, Jr. (left), Y. W. A. Director. This is the highest achievement award in Young Woman's Auxiliary. Rose Mary is the first girl in Mississippi to receive this award. She is beginning her third year in Y. W. A. Last year she received her Citation Award. Not only is she active in her local Y. W. A. where she serves as Program Chairman but she also serves as secretary-treasurer for the Lauderdale Association Y. W. A. In October she was presented a five-year bar for perfect attendance in Sunday School. She is a senior in Meridian Senior High School where she maintains an "A" Average. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Z. L. Hodges of Meridian. Rev. Maurice Clayton is pastor.

## Unpaid '61 Capital Needs Funds Sent

NASHVILLE (BP) — Agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention received their final distribution of operating funds for the year 1962 on Dec. 11, it was announced here by a convention official.

The distribution also included all unpaid balances (totaling \$798,360) on 1961 capital needs funds allocated to agencies, said John H. Williams, financial planning secretary for the SBC Executive Committee. Sixty per cent of the 1962 capital needs have also been met.

For the year to date—the fiscal year and the calendar year being the same—Cooperative Program receipts for SBC work have reached 17,781,860. By year's end, they were expected to reach somewhere between \$18.1 and \$18.5 million, Williams added.

This would still leave the convention shy of its \$19,013,500 Cooperative Program budget for operating and capital needs in 1962. Balances due agencies on 1962 capital needs will be carried over into 1963 and will have priority over 1963 capital allocations.

The operating budget for 1962 is \$13,938,500 and capital needs \$5,075,000. To complete 1961 capital needs left over, and meet all 1962 allocations, the convention this year would have to receive \$19,811,860, compared with the maximum anticipated of \$18.5 million.

TO THE WHOLE CREATION by John E. Skogland (Judson, 128 pp., paper, \$1.25).

A call for world revolution through a great new advance in Christian missions.

The 14,976 Baptist Students,  
30 Baptist Student Unions,  
21 Local Directors of Student Work,  
The State Department of Student Work,  
appreciate your prayers and concern  
and wish for you  
Warmest Christmas greetings  
and a 1963  
that will find you seeking to live more like Christ  
whose birth we celebrate

School	Baptist Students	BSU President	Director
All Saints, Vicksburg	6		
Baptist Hospital, Jackson	100	Sherry Simmons	Kathryn Bearden
Belhaven, Jackson	45	Marsha Rowland	Harold L. St. Gemme
Blue Mountain, Blue Mountain	241	Gerry Gravel	
Clarke, Newton	282	James Spencer	J. B. Costlow
Copiah-Lincoln, Wesson	351	Don Butler	William S. Stewart
Delta State, Cleveland	623	Aaron Biggers	James A. Breland
East Central, Decatur	297	Glenda Sue Gary	Gladys Bryant
East Miss., Scooba	160	David Everett	Herbert A. Frith
Gulf Park, Gulfport	28		
Hinds, Raymond	546	Harold Mitchell	Betty Jane Frew
Holmes, Goodman	262	James Young	J. B. Miller
Itawamba, Fulton	352	Mark Stevens	Charles Shipman
Jones, Ellisville	602	Irving Hitt	Willie Mae Cutrer
Meridian, Meridian	150	Joe Davis	
Millsaps, Jackson	160	Sharon Graves	Harold L. St. Gemme
Miss. College, Clinton	1386	Tim Townsend	Caby E. Byrne, Jr.
Miss. Delta, Moorhead	276	Travis Satterfield	
Miss. Southern, Hattiesburg	2400	Jerry Day Terrell	Louie H. Farmer
M.S.C.W., Columbus	600	Becky Dean	Mrs. W. F. Backstrom
Miss. State, State College	2322		W. Frank Horton
Single:			
Northeast, Booneville	380	Johnny Baker	
Northwest, Senatobia	382	Robert Taylor	
Ole Miss, University	1526	Vance Dixon	
Pearl River, Poplarville	243	Ray Jenkins	William D. Harbour
Perkinson, Perkinson	330	Tom Cleveland	Marian F. Leavell
Southwest, Summit	200	Ruby McElroy	Edward L. Smith
St. Dominic's, Jackson	28	Clifton Thomas	Bennie T. Warren
University Med., Jackson		Talmadge Ginn	Rodney Lee Ellis
School of Nursing	40		Harold L. St. Gemme
School of Medicine	110	Blanche Bing	Harold L. St. Gemme
William Carey, Hattiesburg	529	Jimmie Jones	
Wood, Mathiston	55	Robert Meyer	Jewel Hannah
		Eric Dorroh	

Ralph B. Winders, State Director  
Mrs. Billy Hardin, Office Secretary

## World Missions Conferences

JAN. 14-25, 1963  
7 to 9 P.M.

### NORTH MISSISSIPPI

Jan. 14—Starkville ..... First Baptist Church  
Jan. 15—New Albany ..... First Baptist Church  
Jan. 17—Batesville ..... First Baptist Church  
Jan. 18—Greenwood ..... First Baptist Church

#### Speakers:

Rev. Joe Underwood ..... Foreign Missions  
Dr. Lloyd Corder ..... Home Missions  
Dr. Chester L. Quarles ..... State Missions  
Rev. L. Gordon Sansing ..... State Missions

### SOUTH MISSISSIPPI

Jan. 21—Crystal Springs ..... First Baptist Church  
Jan. 22—Newton ..... First Baptist Church  
Jan. 24—Gulfport ..... First Baptist Church  
Jan. 25—McComb ..... First Baptist Church

#### Speakers:

Dr. Eugene Hill ..... Foreign Missions  
Dr. Courts Redford ..... Home Missions  
Dr. Chester L. Quarles ..... State Missions  
Rev. L. Gordon Sansing ..... State Missions

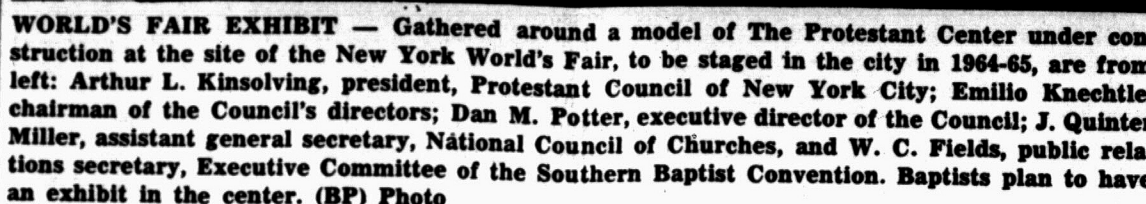
Who should attend? All church and associational officers, leaders and workers are urged to attend the conference most convenient. Every church member will be welcome.



## Senior Week of Dedication

DISTRICT I

1.00	Hanlehurst	208.31
1.00	Hopewell	20.00
1.00	Placid's Rest	11.71
1.27	Sardis	17.17
1.35	Shady Grove	94.00
1.41	Spring Hope	94.00
1.41	Strong Hope	10.37
1.52	Sylvarena	67.50
1.52	Wesson	37.50
1.57	Smyrna	37.50
1.60	Jeff Davis	18.00
1.50	Antioch	19.00
1.50	Basefield	19.00
1.22	Bethany	30.00
1.50	Carson	2.00
1.50	Dublin	44.00
1.50	Hatboro	12.00
1.00	Hebron	42.50
1.50	Hopkibah	32.70
1.50	Indian Springs	32.50
1.00	Phaith	42.50
1.00	Prentiss	450.44
1.25	Society Hill	28.00
1.00	Victory	20.00
1.00	Whitesand	54.11
1.00	Lawrence	51.32
1.04	Calvary	32.20
1.92	Carmel	21.10
1.00	Jayess	104.60
1.00	Macauldillo	104.60
1.00	New Hebron	224.65
1.00	Oakvale	47.00
1.00	Shiloh	49.85
1.50	Lincoln	
1.54	Arlington	28.00
1.35	Bethel	10.00
1.01	Big Springs	5.00
1.00	Brookhaven	
1.00	East Haven	87.50
1.27	First Haven	398.00
1.50	First Hope	28.50
1.00	Southway	28.50
1.00	Calvary	12.00
1.00	Calvary Branch	6.00
1.50	Fair River	25.50
1.00	Friendship	25.50
1.50	Heuck's Retreat	119.00
1.97	Indian Springs	6.00
1.00	Little Bahala	29.34
1.00	Moak's Creek	60.00
1.00	Mount Moriah	65.25
1.00	Mount Pleasant	19.00
1.15	New Prospect	46.75
1.57	Shiloh	65.25
1.00	Pleasant Grove	62.50
1.00	Pleasant Hill	47.00
1.85	Ruth	50.00
1.00	Ruth Grove	14.50
1.00	Union	7.35
1.00	Union Hall	11.00
1.00	Topsaw	12.00
1.00	Marian	
1.75	Bunker Hill	49.00
1.00	Clear Creek	14.78
1.50	Columbia	
1.35	Calvary	78.00
1.25	East	32.30
1.00	First	323.78
1.75	Emmanuel	11.00
1.00	Goss	70.08
1.73	Hurricane Creek	34.00
1.11	Knott	11.00
1.00	Kokomo	11.00
1.50	New Hope	53.50
1.00	Simpson	
1.00	Bethlehem	21.00
1.00	Bradson	82.65
1.85	Coat	10.00
1.00	D'O	25.00
1.00	Edsade	32.50
1.00	Fellowship	20.00
1.00	Goodwater	12.00
1.00	Gum Springs	10.00
1.63	Macedonia	18.00
1.00	Magee	218.00
1.50	Mendenhall	57.65
1.00	Midway	32.50
1.00	Oak Grove	17.00
1.35	Pinola	35.00
1.14	Prentiss Hill	3.00
1.65	Poplar Springs	12.00
1.00	Shivers	12.00
1.00	Walshall	
1.50	Dinan	10.00
1.00	Ehon	26.50
1.50	Knott	20.70
1.00	Lexie	67.50
1.64	Mesa	32.50
1.00	Salem	56.19
1.00	Salem	5.25
1.16	Tylertown	282.00
1.00	Union	101.00



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formed characters and Spirit-anointed witnessing. The preaching itself mysteriously lacks the authority of heaven and the relevancy to our times which brings about deep conviction, repentance, faith, and obedience. Young and old return from so-called Bible conferences without any evidence of having met with God. . . . O that God would teach us that it is just as important to be spiritual as to be sound in our approach to the Bible, just as vital to be obedient as to be orthodox, and that the purpose of revelation is nothing less than transformation of human lives!

**Stephen F. Olford in Heart-Cry For Revival**  
(Fleming H. Revell Company)

**M**ORE than nineteen hundred years ago there was a Man born contrary to the laws of life. This Man lived in poverty and was reared in obscurity. He did not travel extensively. Only once did He cross the boundary of the country in which He lived; that was during His exile in childhood.

In infancy He startled a king; in childhood He puzzled the doctors; in

movements, and hushed the sea to sleep.

**THIS SERVICE:**

He never wrote a song, and yet He has furnished the theme for more

**boast of having as many students**

"We never work!"

made more vessels sink and surrender without a shot being fired.

**He is the Revealer of the snares that lurk in the darkness; the Rebuker**

Contradictory; the Harmonizer of all discords; the Healer of all diseases, and

up to God goes up in His name, and is asked to be granted for His sake

have come and gone: but the name of this Man abounds more and more

not kill Him. Satan could not seduce Him. Death could not destroy Him.

of God, acknowledged by angels, adored by saints, and proclaimed

**This man, as you know, was Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.**

India

### Indian Witness

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**Hall Buchanan, Blue Mountain President of the BMC Alumni**

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**Lottie Palmer Dennell**, Elm St.,



# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON— Jesus Christ—God With Us

THE BAPTIST RECORD 7  
Thursday, December 20, 1962

## Reports

### Sunday School Attendance Training Union Attendance Additions To The Church

DECEMBER 16, 1962	
Arbor Grove (Chickasaw)	120 82
Biloxi (Rankin)	85 54
Biloxi, First	562 197
Biloxi, Emmanuel	258 108
Brookhaven:	
First	792 284
Main	722 260
Halbert Heights	70 24
Bruce, 1st	210 82
Mission	51 48
Byram Memorial	113 49
Canter, Center Terrace	283 117
Carthage	348 121
Center Grove (Oktibbeha)	74 34
Collins	219 129
Columbia, 1st	685 249
Crystal Springs, 1st	629 178
Duncan	62 39
Fellowship (Pike)	40 38
Fellowship (Choctaw)	81 28
Forest	372 117
Georgetown	297 148
Greenfield, Parkview	382 152
Greenville, Emmanuel	117 67
Greenville:	
Main	1078 372
Greenfield	908 315
107 57	
Goodyear (Pearl R.)	136 58
Grenada, Emmanuel	317 146
Gulfport:	
Grace Mem.	300 80
North Ward Chapel	55 25
First	981 376
First	127 54
Handsome	380 147
Hattiesburg:	
35th Avenue	287 189
Central	382 186
Main Street	908 386
North Main	28 39
Temple	154 241
Hillboro:	
Indianola, Second	92 72
Jackson:	
Broadmore	1165 500
Forest Hill	185 108
Briarwood	231 117
Robinson St.	297 148
Southside	258 120
Ridgcrest	732 300
Calvary	541 241
Main	1501 600
Mission	66 64
Daniel Memorial	1080 480
Temple	58 50
Midway	342 147
Dowdell Road	112 52
Raymond	210 102
Grandview	194 98
Oak Forest	431 186
West Jackson	388 158
Crestwood	370 186
Woods	886 399
Hillcrest	568 241
First	1682 453
Parkway	948 451
Magnolia, Park	190 67
Kosciusko, Parkway	190 67
Laurel:	
West Laurel	382 189
Wildwood	408 179
Plainway	185 118
Highland	481
Second Avenue	128 152
First	585 206
Magnolia St.	512 200
Ladlow	88 33
McComb:	
Locust St.	188 94
South	210 84
East	258 147
Central	288 84
Navilla	189 141
Meridian:	
Fellowship	102 66
Midway	180 128
Westwood	78 39
Hickory Grove Chapel	112 59
Highland	654 232
Fifteenth Avenue	540 279
Poplar Springs Drive	428 187
Oakland Heights	282 109
Calvary	414 199
Main	378 164
Fewell Survey Mission	23 17
Pine Springs Mission	13 13
Eight Avenue	102 102
South Side	72 39
State Boulevard	408 219
Natchez, Parkway	361 189
Natchez:	
Pascagoula, 1st	720 283
Main	709
Gulfcoast N. H.	11
Pascagoula:	
Four Mile Creek	138 107
Pearl	383 149
Pearson	104 81
Petal, Crestview	490 188
Petal-Harvey	480 188
Main	37 31
Harvey	37 31
Picayune, First	553
Mission	522
Pontotoc, 1st	432 211
Purvis, 1st	326 103
Rosedale, 1st	137 54
Ruth	58 46
Sardis (Copiah)	51 38
Spring Creek (Neshoba)	39 71
Starkville, 1st	128 103
Star	167 71
Stonewall	154 101
Tupelo, W. Jackson St.	58 42
Union, 1st	65 42
Mission	210 117
Vicksburg, Trinity	210 117
DECEMBER 9, 1962	
Aberdeen, 1st	420 172
Amory, 1st	544 192
Bethel (Rankin)	98 44
Biloxi, Bay Vista	218 94
Booneville, 1st	425 149
Main	368 125
Mission	906 263
Duncan	59 33
Grenada, Emmanuel	308 108
Hillboro	940 75
Laurel, Plainway	186 119
Natchez	582 147
New Albany, 1st	630 208
Ripley, 1st	324 92

Isaiah 6: 9-7; Hebrews 1: 1-4; John 1: 1-18

By Clifton J. Allen

We think of this as the Christmas lesson. What could be more appropriate than to study what we believe about the incarnation of the Son of God! In the fullness of time, God sent forth his Son. The prophecy of Isaiah, spoken hundreds of years before, was fulfilled: a child was born, born in fulfillment of the covenant made to Israel, born to reign over the kingdom of God forever. He came as the perfect and final revelation of God, according to the writer of Hebrews; and when he had accomplished the atonement for sin by his death on the cross, he "sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high." The prologue of John's Gospel is our lesson passage: it declares that the eternal Word, very God, became flesh. The crux of Christianity is the nature and person of Christ. Christmas is meant to be a celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. How utterly incongruous and unworthy to forget what his birth means! We should be caught up in holy wonder, wondrous amazement, and pure praise because of the Saviour's birth.

The Lesson Explained  
THE ETERNAL CHRIST  
(vv. 1-5)

In the eternity before time, "in the beginning," Christ was. John calls Christ the "Word." He is the expression of the idea, the thought, the very nature of God. "He was with God," which emphasizes the conscious personal communion between the Father and the Son. He "was God," which declares that Christ was the same in essence or nature as God. The first verse of the Gospel declares the eternity and personality and deity of Christ.

The eternal Christ was the agent of the Godhead in creation. He is the source of all life, and the source of all light and truth. The life which he imparted to men had moral capacity. It included the faculty of conscience, which is meant to guide men in the way of truth. The light of the eternal Christ shined in the midst of the darkness of the world through the incarnation. However great the darkness, however perverse and wicked men may be, however determined the demons of darkness may be, the Light Eternal will never fail.

CHRIST AMONG MEN  
(vv. 6-13)

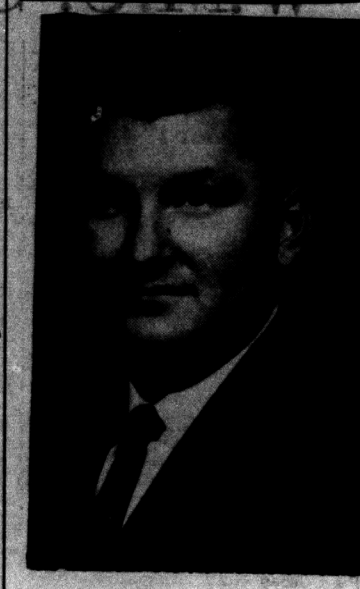
Through the incarnation the eternal Christ entered into history. John the Baptist was sent of God to be a witness to Christ's presence in the earth. John was not the Light. He identified Christ as the true Light and encouraged men to believe in him. By his coming into the world, Christ brought new light to every man. His presence in the flesh was the full revelation of God, of redemption, and of righteousness. His teachings gave light about moral values and eternal destiny. He declared himself to be the way of salvation from sin and the giver of eternal life. His presence on the stage of history has given us the key to God's plan of the ages.

But when Christ came, the clear light from heaven, the world refused to recognize him. Not even his own people, the chosen people of Israel, were willing to receive him. Yet some did receive him; they put their faith in him as the Son of God. To them he gave the right to sonship in God's family. They were actually reborn into a new life as well as a new relation. This was not due to race or natural heritage or human will but to God's creative power. GOD IN THE FLESH (vv. 14-18)

These verses are a sublime and majestic repetition of the glorious truth already set forth. They declare the matchless miracle of the incarnation. The Word—the eternal Christ, very God of very God—became flesh. The eternal Son became a son of earth. He tabernacled in the midst of men. He was full of grace and truth, the full revelation of all truth and the mediator of all grace. The Gospel writer inserts his own testimony: "We beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father." Then, after inserting the testimony of the Baptist (v. 15), John declares the experience and testimony of all believers: "Of his fullness have all we received, and grace for grace."

There is glorious reality in the incarnation. While this fact may be overwhelming in meaning—nothing less than staggering in significance—it is nonetheless true. At a point in time, God thrust himself into the world order. His Son became a man. From eternity the purpose of God pointed to this supreme event. The love and power of God brought redemption to fallen man through the coming of Christ. There was miracle and mystery in his virgin birth, in Deity taking the form of humanity, but there was undeniable reality: God came in Jesus Christ.

God is active in the world. The coming of the Son of God made visible God's relationship to the world. He is in the world as well as over the world. He is redemptively active: "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself." God is at work in the world, ministering to the poor and brokenhearted, the captives, the blind, healing those who are oppressed by the devil, redeeming those who believe, and bringing into subjection every "principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come." The incarnation of the Son of God declares timeless truths: God loves the lost world; God is calling men to repentance; God is offering grace and mercy to all who will believe; God is building his church; God is moving in history to fulfill his promise that there shall be "new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness."



Rev. Byron Malone

## Causeyville Calls Pastor

Causeyville Church recently called Rev. Byron R. Malone as pastor. He is pictured above with his wife, Barbara (nee Barbara Younger) and daughter, Cynthia (Cindy). The Malones are originally from Columbus, Mississippi, where both finished New Hope High School in 1955. Rev. Malone is a graduate of Mississippi College, where he received the Bachelor of Arts Degree with a major in English in 1959. In 1962 he received the Bachelor of Divinity Degree from the New Orleans Seminary. At the present time Rev. Malone is working on the Master of Religious Education Degree which he will receive in May 1963.

Prior to his coming to Causeyville, Rev. Malone was pastor of the Harmony Church near Quitman, for three years. He has also pastored churches in Copiah, Leake and Madison Counties.

## Sang 'Never Alone'

Spain—The young man from the Baptist church in Tarrasa who died in the floods which swept through the Barcelona area September 26 gave his life trying to save others. And the elderly church member who drowned is reported to have been singing, "Never Alone," as he was washed away into the night.

## First, Biloxi Broadcasts

The 11:00 A.M. services of First Church, Biloxi, Rev. Schuyler M. Batson, pastor, are currently being broadcast over WLOX-TV. The station estimates that there is a potential viewing audience of 53,000.

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## Sunday School Leaders Adopt New Plans To "Reach the Unreached"

NASHVILLE — "The green light is on," state Baptist Sunday School leaders learned here Dec. 11, for a stepped-up program to reach people with the gospel of Christ.

A. V. Washburn, secretary of the Sunday School Department of the Sunday School Board declared: "Our goal during the months ahead is an accelerated outreach through the Sunday School for the study of God's word and the use of the Sunday School by the churches for involving the largest possible number of church members in worship, witnessing, ministering and giving so as to advance the cause of Christ both at home and around the world."

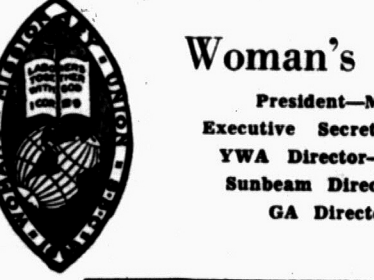
The annual meeting of state Sunday School secretaries is one of five groups which met here Dec. 10-14 to discuss plans for 1963 and 1964. Other groups

include state Training Union, Church Music, and student secretaries, church building consultants and state executive secretaries.

Approximately 150 leaders in Sunday School work attended the session at the Sunday School Board. Included are 27 state secretaries, 43 state associates, and workers in the Sunday School Department of the board.

## Objectives Listed

Dr. Washburn listed these objectives of the conference: 1. To hear reports from the states of significant development and achievements. 2. To interpret the general and age-group objectives of Sunday School work. 3. To come to a fuller understanding and appreciation of the spiritual significance of the task and to find added motivation for the work.



To our friends at Christmas

Whatever else be lost among the years,  
Let us keep Christmas still a shining thing:  
Whatever doubts assail us, or what fears,  
Let us hold close one day, remembering  
Its poignant meaning for the hearts of men.  
Let us get back our childlike faith again.

Grace Noll Crowell

May the power of His presence be felt anew in your hearts this Christmas season.

Woman's Missionary Union

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Marjane Patterson  
Leta Hamack  
Edwina Robinson

Nettie Ree Jaylor  
Willie Schutte  
Margaret Clinton  
Barbara Cooke

Edwina Robinson would like to express her appreciation: "Thanks to the many friends for the letters, notes, cards and telegrams during my recent hospital experience. The thoughtfulness of friends is a treasured memory. This enforced 'wheel-chair' experience will last for several weeks but the doctors tell me that eventually I will have 'foot comfort.'"



FRIENDSHIP CHURCH, Pontotoc County, recently awarded attendance pins: a six-year pin to Rev. M. L. Swinney, pastor; Mrs. Swinney and Betty, five-year pins; Shirley, eleven years; and Bill Windham, Sunday school superintendent, one year. (Rev. Swinney has been pastor at Friendship since January. This year the church has organized a Brotherhood, E.A. YWA, GA, and Sunbeam. The church went full, Oct. 1962.)



LIBERTY HILL CHURCH, Panola Association, presented a record of fifteen years of perfect attendance in Sunday School. Each above received a pin or a badge for attendance. Back row: Donnie Finnie, (Intermediate), four years; C. W. Bowden, (Young People), one year; Homer Finnie, (Adult), Sunday School Superintendent, six years. Front row: Donna Pitcock, (Intermediate), three years; Brenda Pitcock, (Junior), one year. Rev. Charles Stubblefield is pastor.

## Five Carey College Alumnae Receive Special Citations

A Baptist editor, a Dean of Women, a pastor, a missionary, and a professor were the five outstanding alumnae of the William Carey College to receive special citations on Carey Homecoming Day, December 8 in Hattiesburg.

Mrs. Clifton J. Allen, editor and writer for the Sunday School Board and author of numerous articles and publications, graduated from William Carey College during its days as Mississippi Woman's College and has brought distinct honor to her Alma Mater by contributions to Southern Baptist life.

Dr. Sarah Allman Rouse, Dean of Women at Mississippi College, received her Bachelor Degree from William Carey College during the time that her late husband, Dr. I. E. Rouse, served as president of the institution. She went on to complete work on both a master's degree and a doctorate and is serving in a notable capacity at Mississippi College.

Rev. William Cain has the distinction of being the first missionary to be appointed to the French West Indies by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. At present he and his wife are in language study in Paris, France. Rev. Cain graduated from Carey College in 1956.

Rev. Byron Mathis, Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Pascagoula, was also honored by his Alma Mater for distinguished service in the pastorate. During his 4 years at his present post he has led his people to double their church membership, greatly enlarge their budget, and add to both their church plant and their property. He also serves in several key leadership rolls in local associational and civic organizations.

Dr. Eugene Lucy is Director of Guidance and Counseling at Delta State College, Cleveland, Mississippi. He graduated from Carey College in 1950 and has done extensive graduate work in his field.

The citations were presented to each of the above at the annual Homecoming Luncheon, held this year in the dining room of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, adding the Carey citations to the citations read in recognition of your contribution to civic and religious life and in appreciation of the honor which has come to Alma Mater because of distinguished Christian service."

## MC Receives \$1,500 Grant From Sears

Mississippi College has received a \$1,500 grant from the Sears, Roebuck and Company under the company's new program of aid to privately supported colleges and universities.

In announcing the distribution of the 1962 grants, Walter Beard, manager of the Jackson Sears store, said that almost \$900,000 in unrestricted grants will be awarded to help private institutions meet their increasingly critical financial needs.

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## DEVOTIONAL...

## The Where Of Christmas

By Rev. E. E. Kysar, Pastor  
First Baptist Church, Bowling Fork

"He demanded of them where Christ should be born, and they said unto him, in Bethlehem of Judaea." Matthew 2:4b,5a.  
"My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you." Galatians 4:19

We celebrate the actual birth of Christ the saviour. It may or may not have occurred on December 25, but this in no way changes the historic fact that the event did occur. Ask anyone where Christ was born, and they will say Bethlehem.

Paul speaks to the Galatians of his "travail" and suffering "until Christ be formed in you." Could we not suggest that Paul is saying "I long for a Christmas, a saviour's birth, among you." Christmas in Bethlehem is a fact of history. Christmas in your life must be a fact of experience!

Paul also speaks of a man "in Christ." A man is "in Christ" when Christ is formed in him by the miracle of a second birth. "This changes B. C. into A. D. and every year into 'the year of our Lord.'" This makes the eternal a part of the contemporary, and the end for the believer is but the beginning. This turns our relations with God from a matter of fact or history into a matter of personal experience and salvation. The word of Jesus to Nicodemus, "Ye must be born again" is a possibility and reality in every desiring heart.

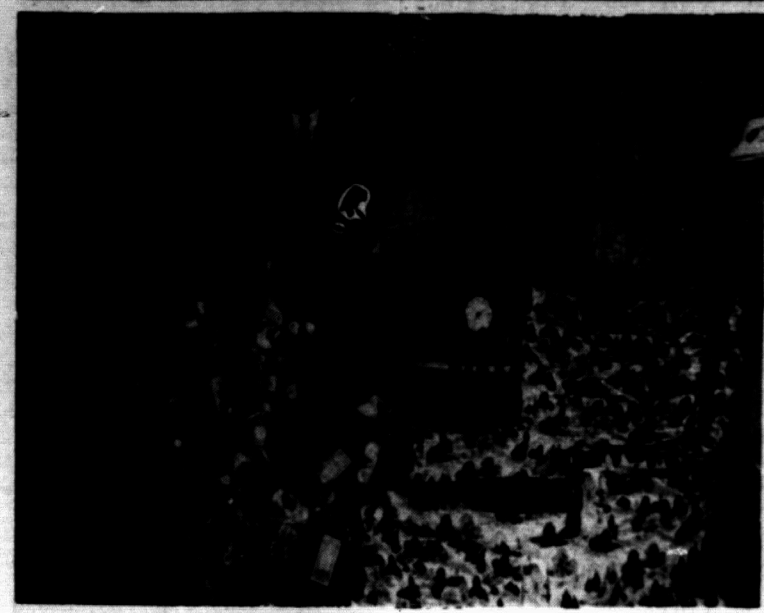
Therefore Bethlehem is not the only place where Christ may be born. Where He is desired there He lives. Where He is loved, there He is born. Where He is welcomed, there He is cradled. Where He is trusted, there He is wrapped in swaddling clothes.

That Christ may be formed in each believing heart is, for the man who wills it, "keeping Christmas." And only when Christ becomes personal is Christmas something to be kept. It is then that Christmas becomes much more than a seasonal celebration. It is the redeeming experience of a life time as we walk in the presence of God. His coming is so intimate, so personal, and so permanent until Paul could speak of "Christ formed in you." The birth in Bethlehem could only be wrought by God. The birth again in men's lives is truly a miracle second only to the resurrection. Is not this the fuller meaning of the Bethlehem story — the incarnation of God? It is only as this Jesus becomes an indwelling Christ that He becomes the fullest revelation and disclosure of God. This one who takes up residence in willing lives is the author of salvation and the only authority for abundant living. "I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me."

"If I love him, I shall be clean.  
If I touch him, I shall be refined.  
If I embrace him, I shall be spotless."

"Christ formed in you" anticipates a quality of life which only the adjective Christlike can describe. This Christlikeness is an unconscious growth which begins when the spiritual possibility has germinated to become a personal reality. In a world such as ours, life is filled with fresh resources and meaning. A proper balance of life, and the proper sense of worth and value placed upon one's self and the things which one would choose, results from a Christ-given sense of direction.

If Christ is born in us, then may we fully employ Isaiah's words: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son given, and the government shall be upon His shoulders: And His name shall be called wonderful, counselor, the mighty God, the everlasting father, and prince of peace." He becomes our counselor, helping us to choose the highways. This mighty God waits to empower us. This everlasting Father waits to show us how much he cares. This prince of peace waits to give us peace, and to make us heralds of everlasting life.



UNION CHURCH, TYLERTOWN, honored the pastor, Rev. Dallas C. Bivins, on his third anniversary at the church. Following the evening service a fellowship hour was observed. The center of attraction was a money tree which was given to the pastor. The pastor and his wife are pictured in their home with the money tree. Included in the picture are the two Early American chairs, one a recliner, the other a rocker, which were purchased with the anniversary money from last year.

## Louisville Conferences Explores Link Between Pastor and Layman

LOUISVILLE (BP) — Curbstone theology on the part of laymen and a lack of understanding of ministers' church leadership roles are reasons for communications problems between clergy and laity. So said pastors from 12 states attending a continuing theological education conference at Southern Seminary here.

The conference included four days of group discussion and comprehensive classes on pastoral counseling and current theological trends taught by four Southern seminary professors.

In a research session on clergy and laymen communications, the pastors blamed themselves for lay members of their congregation not knowing more theology and having to rely on clichés for their application of scriptural teaching.

Instead of having time to teach and perform pastoral jobs, the pastors said more and more of their time is being consumed by administration and promotion. Most laymen expect an impossible ministry from their pastors, said the group.

"Cultural pull, self interest and egoism" keep laymen from breaking through old thought patterns and making Christ's teaching relative to their lives," said the group.

The group also agreed that they need to better understand laymen's everyday problems, as they provide teachings for spiritual growth.

### BSU Secretaries Plan For Future

NASHVILLE—Southern Baptist State student secretaries meeting here Dec. 11-14 laid foundations for their programs on the college campus for the next several years.

A lengthy portion of the program involved study and evaluation of their unified objectives and philosophies of student work.

The state secretaries and associates, meeting with the members of the Sunday School Board's Student Department, adopted the theme "When Men Meet God!" For 1964 state student conventions. They also re-affirmed the theme for 1963 state conventions, "Freedom Through Bondage."

## Washington Men Organize County Survey

Pastors and laymen from six major religious bodies of Washington County met December 10, at Phillips Restaurant, Greenville, to organize for a County - Wide Religious Survey. This survey will be conducted February 22-March 3, 1963, and will include all of Washington County.

General officers and all committees were elected by the group. The fifty - eight ministers of Washington County and some laymen were invited.

The following were elected as general officers of the group: General Chairman, Rev. A. B. Pierce, Pastor of Parkview Baptist Church, Greenville; Vice Chairman, Sam Neyman, Methodist layman of Greenville; Director, Rev. O. D. Morris, Church Survey and Development worker, Mississippi Baptist Convention, Jackson; Coordinator, Rev. Leon Emery, Supt. of Baptist Missions for Washington County.

Ministers and laymen from various denominations and towns in the county were elected to serve on the various committees. The denominations represented were: Assembly of God, Baptist, Catholic, Church of Christ, Methodist, and Presbyterian. Cities and towns represented were Greenville, Leland, and Hollandale. Arcola has also been committed.

During the time of the survey itself, an attempt will be made to cover every house of white families in the County, and will involve some five hundred people as surveyors.

## Eastlawn Church Goes Over Budget

For the first time in the history of the 11 years as a church, Eastlawn Church, Pascagoula, has gone over her budget. "We are justly proud," says the Budget and Finance Committee.

Eastlawn's 1962 Budget of \$60,000.00 was given in 11 months. The total amount given through the total offering to date is \$62,255.43.

Rev. Athens McNeil is pastor.



THE PRESIDENT of the Delta Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Maury S. Knowlton, presented Eagle Badges to the three above Boy Scouts of Troop 17 of Gunnison at the Gunnison School auditorium on Friday evening, November 23. Left to right, they are: Steve Cockerham, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Cockerham; Leo McGee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo H. McGee; and Kenny Sanders, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Sanders. Troop 17 is sponsored by the Gunnison Lions Club. Steve Cockerham and Kenny Sanders are members of the Gunnison Baptist Church. Leo McGee is a member of the Gunnison Methodist Church.

## Institute Okays Eku Laboratory

The laboratory at the Baptist hospital in Eku, Nigeria, has been approved by the Institute of Medical Laboratory Technology as the result of an inspection made earlier this year. "This means that graduates of the hospital's three-year laboratory training program will be qualified to take Government-recognized examinations for laboratory technicians, intermediate level," says Jerry B. Gaultney, Southern Baptist missionary who directs the laboratory work of the hospital.

This course is open to high school graduates with science training. The hospital also offers a five-year program for graduates of less advanced schools. Upon completion of the course they become laboratory assistants.

"The recognition of our laboratory has been one of my goals since I came to Nigeria in 1953," Mr. Gaultney says. "I felt it was necessary so that we could attract the highest type of students and therefore

provide the best laboratory service in the Baptist hospitals of the country.

A school that can be mounted on wheels was placed on exhibit last week by the New York Board of Education. The portable one-room unit can accommodate thirty-six pupils. The board has thirteen double-classroom portable units under construction at three schools in Brooklyn and Manhattan. The two-room units will cost about \$22,000 a classroom. Cost of the one-room unit is not known.

Medical scientists from seven United States hospitals and three foreign medical centers have reported that a new surgical adhesive tape can effectively replace sutures to close skin wounds and incisions. The sterile tape is applied in strips across the wound to hold its edges together as it heals. It could replace, in many cases, convention "needle and thread" stitches, or surgical suturing, the investigators have said.

## New Zion 100% At 'M' Night Second Time

Monday night, December 3, at Leake County "M" night held at First Church, Carthage, the efficiency banner went to New Zion Church, Leake Association.

New Zion Church had 100 percent, or all of their Training Union enrollment, present for the "M" night meeting. Not only that, but New Zion Church received the efficiency banner last year, 1961, at "M" Night—with 100 per cent present!

## Revival In Uruguay Draws Record Crowds

Before October, the largest assembly ever recorded for an evangelistic service in Montevideo, Uruguay, was about 3,500, says Rev. James W. Bartley, Jr., Southern Baptist missionary. This record was reached and passed in the first days of the Billy Graham crusade (held October 7-14) when an associate evangelist was the preacher.

And when Dr. Graham arrived for the closing services, there were about 3,000 people at the airport to greet him. Each of the two nights he preached, 8,000 people were in attendance to fill the largest enclosed auditorium in Uruguay.

One thousand registered decisions for Christ. On the last two nights, each of the 200 church members trained as counselors had to assist two converts. Mr. Bartley directed the counseling.

"Having worked in Uruguay nearly 10 years, and knowing the religious indifference for which the people are noted, I was held spellbound as some 400 went forward to make decisions for Christ," he said. "The people sang as they filed out of the auditorium and walked down the streets, spreading out across the city in every direction like a fire in the wind."



GERMAN PRODUCT—Porter Routh, right, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, shows Rudolf Thaut a facsimile of the Gutenberg Bible on display at Baptist offices in Nashville. Thaut, from Bad Homburg, Germany, is general secretary of the German Baptist Union. He spent two months in the United States studying Baptist work. The original Gutenbergs were printed in Mainz, Germany.—(BP) Photo.

## Names In The News

Susan Walters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Walters of Hattiesburg, 10-year-old piano prodigy, presented a concert at First Church, Indianola, on December 7. Rev. Harry Kellogg is pastor at Indianola, First.

Dr. J. S. Riser of Jackson has been called as interim pastor at First Church, Grenada. Dr. John Wade Landrum, pastor, is taking a two-months leave of absence in December and January because of illness.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jenkins gave a new Hamilton piano (Baldwin - made, natural oak finish) to Calvary Church, Meridian, in memory of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pool. Rev. W. Otis Seal is the pastor at Calvary.

Paul Lowell, fourth child of Rev. and Mrs. Gene D. Phillips, Southern Baptist missionaries to Central Africa, was born November 30. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips may be addressed at P. O. Box 31, Shabani, Southern Rhodesia, Central Africa. He is a native of Woodruff, S. C.; she is the former Eugenia Jarvis, of Guilford County, North Carolina.

Rev. Terry Miller has been called as pastor of Bethel Church, Monroe County. First Church, Aberdeen, Rev. N. F. Davis, pastor, ordained Rev. Terry to the ministry.

Rev. Carl Danner has accepted the pastorate of Gattman Church, Monroe County. He is living in Gattman.

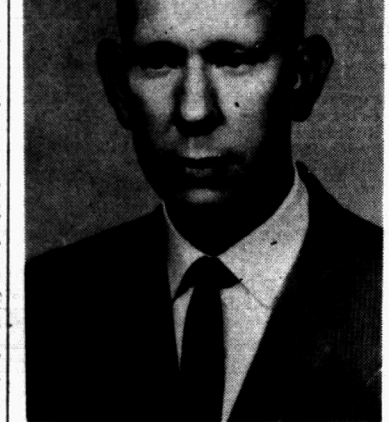
Dr. and Mrs. Hal B. Boone, Southern Missionaries to East Africa, are beginning new medical work in Uganda, where they may be addressed at Box 1296, Jinja, Uganda, East Africa. He is a native of Elm Mott, Tex.; she is the former Patricia Held, of Owensboro, Ky.

## Biblical Recorder Has Staff Change

RALEIGH, N. C. (BP)—Roger Branch of Alley, Ga., has been appointed associate to the editor of the Biblical Recorder here, succeeding Miss Kate Matthews.

Miss Matthews' retirement on Jan. 1 follows 20 years of service on the staff of the North Carolina Baptist weekly newspaper, Editor J. Marse Grant of Raleigh reported.

## HOWARD SHOEMAKES SETTLE IN SANTO DOMINGO



REV. ROBERT HUTCHERSON was ordained by Bethel Church of Monticello on November 25. Rev. Swinton Futch, then pastor of Bethel, preached the ordination sermon. Rev. J. D. Lundy of Columbia gave the charge to the candidate. Lloyd Powell, of Monticello, presented the Bible. Rev. Hutcherson is pastor of Oma Baptist Church of Lawrence County. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hutcherson of Brookhaven. He graduated from Brookhaven High School and attended Copiah-Lincoln Junior College. He is married to the former Mary Davis of Monticello.

"Although we arrived 470 years after Columbus, we can readily see why he was so inspired by the beauty of the island that he called it 'the fairest land under the sun,'" write Rev. and Mrs. Howard L. Shoemaker from the Dominican Republic, where they are beginning Southern Baptist mission work. "We have spent the first weeks marveling at the beauty blended so tastefully between the modern buildings and the significant 'ruins' which still stand from the 15th and 16th centuries."

The Shoemakers arrived in the Dominican Republic in late summer and settled in the capital, Santo Domingo, oldest existing settlement of white men in the New World. The city has a population of more than 350,000.

"Even though we do not yet have a building for formal Spanish services, there are many opportunities to witness and make friends for our Saviour," the missionaries report. "We have a cottage prayer meeting once a week in our home."

Use Radio Advantages They also are taking advantage of opportunities in radio evangelism. The Spanish ver-

sion of "The Baptist Hour" has been broadcast over one station since the second week they were on the island. Then, in early November the largest station in the capital, which reaches the entire republic, offered to give 30 minutes each Sunday to the program.

Asking Southern Baptists to "remember this tiny republic" in prayer, Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker said: "As the gentle Caribbean breeze sways the heavily loaded coconut palms in our yard, we look out and realize that we are in a 'different world' to most of you; but the same God sees and hears our prayers. Please pray that the Lord shall lead in each step we take to open this new field for his glory."

## Baptizing On TV

NEW SOUTH WALES—(BP)—Mortdale Baptist Church in New South Wales, Australia, became the first Baptist church in Australia to televise a baptismal service over the national station. An 18-year-old boy, who professed faith in Christ during a Billy Graham crusade, was baptized.

## Eastlawn Presents Living Tableau

Eastlawn Church, Belair at Cleveland Avenue, Pascagoula, is again presenting a "Living Tableau."

The time and place—7 p.m. to 9 p.m. for three nights—Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, December 18, 19 and 20, on Belair street two blocks south of Ingalls Avenue, on the south parking lot of Eastlawn Church. Last year there were registered over 1,000 car loads who viewed this tableau.

Those taking part in the tableau: Marilyn Brett, Martha Burrage, Annette Severs, Lana Raye McDaniel, Casandra Severs, Ann Thomas, Teresa Gunter, Ethel Dalton, Mary Ann Stockman, Shirley White, Jan Tallant, Brenda Davis, Suzette Severs, Donna Gatlin, Becky Dean, Laura Fisher, Charlotte Hardy, Carolyn Mills, Marcia Dalton, Linda Davis, Peggy Pittman, Pam Luke, Ronnie Neely, Betty Thomas, Maurice Brett, Cleamon Downs, Jim Rogers, Harold Anderson, Oscar Ward, Terry Lira, L. C. Newell, Charles Mathis, Brig Avery, Howard Anderson, Tommy McNeil, Richard Atwood, Charles Atwood, David Rogers, John Henderson. Rev. Athens McNeil is Pastor.

## Superintendents Meet At Garaywa

An orientation fellowship meeting is scheduled for Dec. 31 - Jan. 3, at Camp Garaywa. All superintendents of missions and associational missions committee chairmen have been invited.

Rev. Wendell Belew, Home Mission Board; Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Brotherhood, Training Union, and Music departments of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; and Rev. Roy Raddin, pastor of the First Church of Tchula are scheduled to participate in the activities.

The meeting is primarily designed for study and fellowship. Thus, and very few speeches are scheduled. This is an annual affair for the missionaries, but it is the first time missions committee chairmen have been included. This meeting will be sponsored by the Cooperative Missions Department, Dr. Foy Rogers, secretary.